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Written for the News-Argus by
REV. W. H. STEVENS

To illustrate Romans 8:28
God's ways are equal: stern or calm,
Seasons of peril and of rest,
The burning dart, the healing balm,
Are all apportioned as He best.
In judgments oft misanderstood,
In ways mysterious and obscure,
He brings from evil lasting good,
And makes the final goodness sure.
While Justice takes its course with strength,
Love bids our faith and hope increase;
He'll give the chastened soul at length
An afterward of peace.

When the dread forces of the gale
His sterner purposes perform,
And human skill can naught avail
Against the fury of the storm,
His loving hearts but trust Him still,
Through all the dark and devious way:
For who would thwart His blessed will,
Which leads through night to joyous day?

Be still beneath His tender care:
For He will make the tempest cease,
And bring from out the anguish here
An afterward of peace.
Look up, poor soul! no storm can last
Beyond the limits God hath set,
When His appointed work is past,
In joy thou shalt thy grief forget.
Where sorrow's ploughshare hath swept through,
The fairest flowers of life shall spring,
For God shall grant thee life anew,
And all thy wastes shall laugh and sing.
Hope thou in Him; His plan for thee
Shall end in triumph and release.
Fear not, for thou shalt surely see
An afterward of peace.
—Sawyer, Que.

Wellman's Corners

Mrs. Esther Snarr, widow of the late John Snarr, sr., an old and much respected resident of this place, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. E. Maybee, on Feb. 18th, and was buried in the cemetery at Wellman's on the afternoon of the 20th. Rev. W. H. Clarke preached a very impressive sermon, and the choir gave appropriate music. The church was filled to overflowing and many could not gain admittance. The deceased lady was 84 years of age and had lived in this vicinity for many years. Her husband died 15 years ago. She leaves a family of four sons and five daughters, all of whom are married and settled in this vicinity with the exception of one daughter, Mrs. Judd of Chicago.

Mrs. Maria Phillips died on Feb. 23rd at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. David Mack. The deceased lady lived for many years at Mt. Pleasant and was well known there, but owing to the infirmities of age she has for the last few years resided with her daughter, Mrs. Mack. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, the burial taking place at Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Phillips was 92 years of age.

Miss Cora Levett is the guest of Miss Rebecca Mack.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stapley of Madoc Junction visited at Mr. Thos. Brennan's on Sunday.

Davis Blanche Fletcher, who has been spending a couple of weeks with friends in Marmora, has returned home.

Miss Gertrude Fletcher is visiting friends in Picton.

Mr. and Miss McClure of Prince Edward were last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Scarlett and Mr. and Mrs. R. Heald.

Miss McMullen's school held a very successful box social in the Orange Hall here on the evening of the 24th. A good program was furnished, after which the boxes were put up at auction and found a ready sale. The boxes that brought the least sold for 55 cents, and the one that sold for the highest price brought \$1.40. The school realized over \$38 from the social.

We do not hear the "echo of wedding bells" at Wellman's before they ring, but we are listening in expectation of very soon hearing the pleasant chiming.

The meeting of the Women's Institute announced for the 18th, did not take place on account of the death of Mrs. Snarr on that date. A meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday evening, March 4th at the residence of Mrs. E. Snarr.

Rev. J. E. Smith of Burnbrae occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church here on Sunday. He preached a very instructive sermon to a large congregation and gave some excellent advice to our young men. Our pastor on the same day took charge of Mr. Smith's work.

Rural districts are interested in Mr. Lancaster's level crossing bill, which has been accepted by the House of Commons in principle and now awaits its third reading before it goes to the Senate. The object of the bill is to limit the speed of trains at level crossings in cities, towns and villages to ten miles an hour, unless the crossing is properly protected.

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Minto

The regular meeting of the Minto Literary Society was held on the 2nd, and was a decided success. The program was well rendered and was amusing as well as instructive. The next regular meeting will be held on the evening of March 10th, for which a good program is being prepared. One item is a debate, led by Mr. Matthew Sine and Mr. M. W. Sine.

Harold

A large number from this neighborhood attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Snarr of Wellman's Corners.

Mr. Fred Runge has secured a good position as cheesemaker at Hawkesbury, Ont.

Mrs. G. Bailey is with her father, Mr. S. Vandervoort of Belleville, who is seriously ill.

Mr. M. Martin has been visiting relatives in this place. He has lately been promoted to the position of manager of a bank.

Miss Minnie Rannalla, one of our estimable young ladies, has gone from our midst and become the wife of Mr. Thos. Sine of Minto.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire and children attended the anniversary services at Bethesda.

Mrs. John Heath and daughter have returned home after an extended visit among friends.

Misses Kathleen and Bessie Bailey recently entertained a merry party of young people, a number of them being students of Stirling High School.

River Valley Notes

On account of the unfavorable weather and the condition of the roads, the farmers have not succeeded in getting out their supply for summer.

Mr. Jared Hanna of Prince Edward county is sawing wood in this vicinity with his new gasoline outfit.

A number of River Valley young folks enjoyed a very pleasant time on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wannamaker.

Miss Ida Weaver was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. W. Vandervoort during last week.

Our school is progressing favorably under the management of Mr. J. Frappay.

Miss Mary Donnan was the guest of Mrs. E. D. Morrow during last week.

Mr. Wilmot Herrington of Murray is spending a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Frappay.

Miss Hettie Bailey, our former teacher, was among the gathering at Mr. Frank Wannamaker's on Friday evening.

A number of our young men attended the grand opera which was held in Trenton on Monday evening. All report a good time.

Mrs. Peter Palmer is improving slowly after her recent illness.

Mr. W. J. Robinson has sold his fine team of horses.

There must be some attraction at Minto on the evenings of the literary meetings for some of our young gentlemen.

Mr. Royal Heriman is moving onto his new farm that he purchased last fall.

Why not compensate the old maids by taxing the River Valley bachelors? If so, look out gentlemen!

The Madoc Review says: Rumors are afloat to the effect that a condensed milk factory will be started here in the near future with a view to supplying the ever increasing demand for this article in the west.

The conditions are such for a factory of this kind here that farmers would receive a much better price for their milk, and as this is one of the best centres of dairying in the county an industry of this kind would assume large proportions.

General Manager Hays says that \$50,000,000 would be required to eliminate the three thousand level crossings on the Grand Trunk railway.

But that is no reason why the process of their removal should not begin forthwith. The burden should be so distributed that reasonable proportions thereof will fall upon the railways, the municipalities, the Provinces and the Dominion.

The work of winding up the affairs of the Sovereign Bank is progressing satisfactorily. At a meeting of those interested in the liquidation of the bank, held at Toronto on Saturday, favorable progress was reported, and it is understood that President Jarvis is greatly encouraged with arrangements as completed to date. Every effort is being made to relieve the stockholders from the payment of their double liabilities and everything possible is being done to liquidate the bank to the best advantage.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

It is a disappointing showing which has been made by the committee appointed by the British government to inquire into the workings of the habitual drunkards acts of 1879 and 1898. Instead of showing many reformations secured under the law the committee finds that in the last ten years only one drunkard out of every 274 brought under the act has been reclaimed. The system established under the English law is complicated. After three convictions for ordinary drunkenness an offender can be taken before the assizes, where he may be tried on the charge of being an habitual drunkard. The definition of an habitual drunkard is, however, complex and in part badly worded, so that if a judge is at all unfriendly to that class of legislation he can easily find excuses for setting free almost any drunkard brought before him. In case of a verdict of guilty the penalty is the fixed term of three years' imprisonment, without any discretion on the part of the magistrate.

It is this latter provision which seems to the committee most objectionable. In some cases short terms of confinement are desirable, while in the case of drunkards who seem clearly hopeless the period is not long enough. Moreover terms of probation should, it is held, always succeed the end of the confinement. A number of other provisions making more summary trial possible, simplifying the definition of habitual drunkard and affecting the manner in which he shall be cared for if imprisoned are also suggested. Whether the difficulty in England lies with the character of the law or with its administration, the results that have been secured are certainly disappointing. The American system, which has been tried occasionally under authority of law and occasionally with some stretching of the law, offers much better hope—the system, namely, of using probationary measures when the offender first appears, and not confining reformatory efforts to the sudden types of confirmed drunkards.

EXAMPLE TO ALL DEBTORS.

Gave Creditors a Dinner and Paid Them All Off.

A remarkable dinner party was given at Copenhagen, Denmark, recently, the host being a young man named Verstroet, who was forced to leave Copenhagen ten years ago owing to many debts contracted in consequence of his luxurious tastes. He was never heard from after his departure, and it was with considerable surprise that a number of tradesmen and others received an invitation to dine with their debtor at the Hotel Imperial. They all came at the appointed hour, although suspicious that some one was playing a practical joke, and were met by Verstroet himself, who greeted them effusively, and apologized for his long absence. The company, in which almost every branch of trade was represented, sat down to a sumptuous dinner. The host sat at the head of the table between two washerwomen. After dinner Verstroet informed the twenty-two guests that he had inherited a fortune, and he then paid all his outstanding bills, with interest.

MOTHERS OF INDIA.

Are Urged to Breed Rebels From the Cradle.

The District Magistrate of Lahore, India, has confirmed the confiscation of the press and plant of a revolutionary newspaper named Ingilab, for publishing articles inciting to rebellion. One of the articles in particular urged Indian mothers to breed rebels from the cradle.

Tension continues between the Mohammedans and Hindus in Bengal. Following the recent riot when a Moslem mob was fired upon by troops, some Hindus attacked a Mohammedan mosque and desecrated it by leaving within it the body of a pig, an unclean animal in Moslem eyes. The relations between the votaries of the two religions are more than usually strained at the present time from political causes. The Mohammedans generally approve of the partition of Bengal, one reason for which was to be found in the desire to secure more consideration for the large Mohammedan element in the population of Eastern Bengal, whereas the Hindus have generally denounced it as a crime against India.

CROWNING GLORY OF MAN

The Greatest Man Is He Who Does the Greatest Good.

Who is the greatest?—Matthew xviii. 1.

Our Lord does not condemn ambition, but He defines its true object. True ambition, according to Christ, is distinguished by humility and service. The first quality demands that we be unconscious of self. The second demands that we be conscious of others.

Early in His ministry Jesus uttered the beatitude, "Blessed are the meek." Now to those ambitious disciples He said, "You must humble yourselves and become as little children." Meekness is thought by many to be the same as weakness. It is, on the contrary, the noblest kind of strength.

GREATNESS OF SERVICE.

Our Lord and Master was servant of all. The poorest and the humblest could command Him. He went about looking for the people that needed Him. Worldly ambition makes us look at men in other lights. They are beggars to be ignored, they are rivals to be used, they are rivals to be crushed. But the spirit of service puts them all in one class. They are brothers to be loved and helped.

Who, then, is greatest? The man who does the greatest amount of good. Helpfulness is the highest quality of human life. Service is the crowning glory of man. All honor to him who floods the world with a great affection, who stirs the world with great thoughts.

THE S. S. LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MARCH 7.

Lesson X. Philip and the Ethiopian, Acts 8: 26-38. Golden Text, John 5: 39.

Verse 26.—And the (R. V., "But an") angel of the Lord.—Whether he appeared in some visible form, or by some inward communication, or by vision, is not revealed, and is a matter of small consequence. But in any case it was a real messenger bringing a real message from God. Go toward the south (from Samaria) unto the way that led southwest from Jerusalem unto Gaza. The Samaritan road crossed or joined into the road from Jerusalem, the great highway of commerce and travel to Egypt and thence to all parts of Africa. Which is desert. Uncultivated pasture lands. It is uncertain whether desert refers to the country, the desert road, or to the old city of Gaza (George Adam Smith) which had been deserted for the new city nearer the sea.

27. And he arose and went.—Apparently under sealed orders, as so often in life, not knowing the object of his journey. Government ships are often sent out with sealed orders not to be opened till out at sea, so that by no means could their destination or purpose be revealed to the enemy.

27, 28. A man of Ethiopia.—A general term for the lands south of Egypt. But from the name of Queen Candace it was probably Meroe, a country which lay on the right bank of the Nile from its junction with the Atbara, as far as Khartoum, and thence to the east of the blue Nile to the Abyssinian Mountains. Of great authority. A man of power, of wide influence, a prince. Under Candace. Not the name of an individual, but of a dynasty, as Pharaoh in Egypt and Cesar in Rome. Queen of the Ethiopians. The kingdom of Meroe was governed by queens in the time of Augustus, and, according to Eusebius, even to his time, three hundred years after Christ. Charge of all her treasure. Chancellor of the exchequer, secretary of the treasury.

28. Was returning.—Guided by Providence at exactly the right time. Read ("was reading") Isaiah. Greek form of Isaiah. He was reading aloud as was the custom, so that Philip was able to hear it. It was a pleasant and profitable custom on long journeys.

29. Then the Spirit said.—The Spirit speaks not only to our feelings, but to our judgment and conscience. Whoever is perfectly willing to obey the voice of the Spirit will be guided aright. Prejudices, unwillingness to obey, past training or failure of training, in so far as we allow them to exert an influence, will lead us astray; as iron near the compass on a ship will deflect the guiding magnetic needle. Join thyself to this chariot.—An excellent illustration is found in Pilgrim's Progress, where Chris-

tian is wandering around in doubt, and meeting Evangelist is directed to the right way.

30. And Philip ran thither.—Not only showing the eagerness of his obedience, but from necessity, if he would join the company of travelers. And while running beside the chariot he overheard him read the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah). The citation which follows shows that he was reading from the Greek translation made in Egypt, and not from the Hebrew. Such a roll would be made by hand on parchment and was very expensive, "a pearl of great price." He had probably bought it in Jerusalem in order to study the question discussed there concerning the Messiah.

31. In response to Philip's question, the Ethiopian replied, How can I, except some man should guide me? The passage which he was reading was a peculiarly difficult one to understand till the facts revealed the meaning. And these facts were familiar to Philip.

32. The place of the Scripture was Isa. 53: 7, 8. The verses quoted are a portion of the prophet's vision of the suffering Messiah. The picture is true in some degree of those good men of the nation who gave up their lives in an evil world to the making of the world better; but it was complete and ideal and perfect only in Jesus Christ giving his life for his people, and his body and spirit as an atoning sacrifice for their sins. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter.—He unresistingly went to his sacrificial death on the cross, as the lamb for the evening sacrifice to the altar. The very power of his death over men arose from the fact that he went voluntarily, out of love for man, to the cross, when at any time "twelve legions of angels were ready to deliver him from his enemies (Matt. 26: 53).

33. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away.—The judgment (justice) due to him. A fair trial was not accorded to him, as is plainly seen in the account of the trial of Jesus. Who shall declare his generation?—This may mean "who can fitly declare the number of those who share his life," his spiritual prosperity, which came not only in spite of, but through his humiliation. For his life is taken from the earth.—How then could he be the everlasting king foretold by Isaiah?

34. Of whom speaketh the prophet this?—The two pictures of the Messiah in the book of Isaiah and the other prophets must have been a great puzzle to the Jews. No portraits or descriptions of the same person could be more irreconcilable or contradictory.

35. Then Philip . . . began at the same Scripture.—Which was fulfilled in Jesus, and has been fulfilled in no other. And preached, announced the glad tidings of Jesus.—Philip showed the strange and marvelous correspondence between the many descriptions of the Messiah in the prophets and the then well-known life of Jesus of Nazareth. He placed Jesus in his life, death, and character beside the picture of the Messiah which the prophets had painted, and all could see that the picture was a portrait of Jesus. He could also explain

how this humiliation and sacrifice were the means by which the glories of the Messiah and his kingdom were to be attained, and he could illustrate it by the descent of the Holy Spirit, and the character of the church, its deeds, and its influence as already shown in Jerusalem.

36. They came unto a certain water, probably Marubah, about a day's journey from Hebron toward Gaza. What doth hinder me to be baptized?—This was saying, "I believe in Jesus as the Messiah, I accept him as my Saviour, and now I wish to confess him by baptism," as all other Christians had been doing. Without doubt Philip had told him about baptism as the Christian way of acknowledging Christ.

37. If thou believest, etc.—This verse is wanting in the best manuscripts, and was probably inserted from some marginal note made to keep readers from error. But it is the true answer to the Ethiopian's question. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He believed in his mind and his heart. He believed in him as his Master and his Saviour.

38. He commanded the chariot.—He ordered the chariot-driver to stop, and of course the whole retinue would see what took place, and they may certainly be regarded as the nucleus of a congregation to be established in Ethiopia. He baptized him.—This was the rite through which he made a public profession of his faith in Jesus.

IN LIEU OF ICE-CREAM.

How War Correspondents Fare In Time of War.

However men may talk of rising superior to the pleasures of the palate, the desire of the individual on short commons for something good to eat will intrude itself in even the gravest situations. That in time of battle one's thoughts may be occupied, not so much with dread of the bullet as with wistful recollections of a generous and tempering bill of fare, is shown by Frederick Palmer's experience, told in "With Kuroki in Manchuria." Mr. Palmer and a fellow war correspondent had spent the night sleeping on the stalks of a corn-field.

When we awoke, the flashes of the Russian guns were playing. Drowsily we rolled out of our blankets with the comprehension that the artillery fire was going on, as it had yesterday, and that we were hungry and there was no breakfast in sight. Probably the artillery fire would go on forever, and probably there were no rest beds and no square meals anywhere in the world.

As we dressed, Collins broke in with, "What I should like would be, first some grapes, all dewy, off the vine, then—" but I would not allow him to go any further.

We had a little rice and some coffee. He boiled the rice and I made the coffee, and I assure you we did not overtax our stomachs. "And after I had topped off with ice-cream," said Collins, reminiscingly, "I think I'd go to sleep with orders not to wake me—ever."

We had something that tasted as good as ice-cream to the diner-out in town. A spring bubbled out of the plowed earth, bubbled ceaselessly, coolly, from a filter of sandy loam, laughing typhoid to scorn. When I looked at it I remember wondering how such cool water could come out of a corn-field on such a hot day.

If a linen cloth, and spotless napkins, and Collins's idea of a breakfast had been realized, I could not have felt much happier than I was to have my turn at this fountain of joy. You felt each swallow trickle down until you were full to the throat.

THE MARRIAGE AGE.

The marriage age in Austria is 14 years for both sexes; Germany the man at 18, the woman at 14; Belgium, the man at 18, the woman at 15; Spain, the man at 14, the woman at 12; Mexico, with parental consent, 16 and 18, otherwise 21 for both; France, the man at 18, the woman at 15; Greece, the man at 14, the woman at 12; Hungary, Catholics, the man at 14, the woman at 12; Protestants, the man at 18, the woman at 15; Portugal, the man at 14, the woman at 13; Russia, the man at 18, the woman at 15; Saxony, the man at 18, the woman at 16; Switzerland, the man at 14, the woman at 12.

NOT ALONE.

"Are you in business for yourself now?" "Well, not exactly for myself. There's my wife and nine children, her mother and the nurse and hired girl."

Counsel (to witness)—"Did your father, when finally parting from you, give you no admonition. Witness—'He never gave much away at any time.' Barrister—'I mean, what were his last words?' Witness—'They don't concern you.' Barrister—'They not only concern me, sir, but they concern the whole court!' Witness—'Father said to me and Jim, 'Don't have no dispute' when I'm gone, lads, 'cos lawyers is the biggest rogues anywhere!'"

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You may provide by single payments for annuities for yourself, your wife, and your children, the annuities to begin at some subsequent age.

You may provide for a joint annuity for yourself and wife, to be enjoyed so long as either of you live.

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IMMEDIATE ANNUITY.

You may purchase an immediate annuity, and receive the first instalment thereof three months after purchase.

Your annuity may, when it becomes payable, be guaranteed for a number of years, even should you die before the guaranteed period expires, but in any event it will be paid as long as you live.

You may, if you have money at your credit in the Post Office Savings Bank, have the same transferred to your account for the purchase of a deferred annuity, and compound interest thereon will thereafter be allowed at 4 per cent. per annum instead of at 3 per cent. as at present.

You will receive once a year a statement of the amount standing to your credit.

NO LAPSES.

There are no lapses. If your contributions are interrupted by sickness, loss of employment, or other cause, you may resume payment at any time.

If your payments should be continued to the end of the contract, such proportion of the original annuity as these payments will purchase will be paid to you.

If your payments with accumulated interest should not in the ag-

gregate be sufficient to earn an annuity of \$50 all payments made with compound interest at 3 per cent. per annum will be returned to your heirs.

If you should die at any time before the annuity becomes payable, all payments made with compound interest at 3 per cent. per annum will be returned to your heirs.

INSURANCE TO FAMILY.

You may purchase a large annuity for same payments if return benefits are not desired, a plan which will no doubt appeal strongly to you if you are caring for a family or straight life insurance, as should death occur before the annuity begins the insurance would go to your family; and after the annuity began the increased annuity would enable you to keep your insurance in force, which otherwise you might be compelled to cancel. This plan will also appeal to a person who has no heirs, or may desire to secure the maximum amount of annuity at the minimum cost.

No deductions will be made for amounts received, but all expenses will be borne by the Government wholly without charge, and every cent that your deposits earn will be placed to your credit for the purchase of the annuity.

Employers of labor may contract for annuities for their employees.

A society or an association of persons, being a body corporate for fraternal benevolent, religious or other lawful purposes, may contract for annuities for its members.

Annuities will be paid quarterly, unless otherwise expressly provided.

All forms of contract are approved by the Governor-General in Council.

NO EXAMINATION.

No medical examination is required.

Pass-books for the convenience of depositors of small amounts, and the weekly plan, will be supplied by the postmaster.

Purchasers of annuities not using the pass-books may remit direct to the Minister or to the Superintendent by registered letter, or by money order, express order or postal note, made payable to the order of the Receiver-General, or payments may be made in person at the Department.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

The following illustrations will demonstrate to you the vastly greater advantages of an annuity contract over any other kind of investment as a means of making provision for old age.

A man beginning at 20 years of age, and paying 25 cents a week until he is 60, may provide an annuity (or income) for the remainder of his life of \$129.91.

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A man beginning at 30, and paying 25 cents a week until he is 60, will receive \$74.73 at 60.

A man beginning at 35, and paying 25 cents a week until he is 60, will receive \$54.90 at 60.

A man beginning at 20 with a cash payment of \$10, paying 20 cents a week, and adding \$10 every five years until he is 60 will receive an annuity of \$151.86 at age of 60.

EARTH'S WORST WALK.

A Lady Will Tramp from the Congo State to Khartoum.

A woman explorer, Miss Charlotte Mansfield, poet and novelist, is about to undertake a journey on foot that has been aliteratively—and truthfully—described as the worst walk in the world.

This is that part of the overland journey from the Cape to Cairo which lies between the railroads, a distance of about 600 miles. It commences near the southern border of the Congo State, and continues until Khartoum is reached. The walk is almost wholly without in the tropics. In the first half, rain falls well-nigh incessantly. The poisonous tsetse fly, a disease in domestic animals, a disease which rapidly brings about death and in human beings an allied malarial, the dreaded sleeping sickness, for which likewise no cure is known.

The worst stage of the journey is the last, before Khartoum is reached, for here the traveller enters upon a land of swamps, formed by the headwaters of the Nile. The country is dead level, and covered with rank vegetation, through which may be discerned anywhere the deadly malarial fever which attacks all white persons who venture to linger in the locality.

Here, too, are first encountered the giant Dinkas, the tallest men on earth. They are jibbaw savages, 6 feet 4 inches to 6 feet 8 inches tall, and murderers and cannibals to a man.

Difficult as is the journey, however, Miss Mansfield is mistaken in supposing that it has never before been undertaken by a woman. Only last year a Mrs. Hellman, wife of a Johannesburg mine manager, made the trip in company with her husband. The first person of either sex to traverse the whole route was, of course, Mr. Ewart Scott Grogan, in 1898.

Large hopes from small foundations grow.

Time Heals Most Wounds

A Tale of Love and Disappointment

CHAPTER XIX.

Rebekah left her father and went straight to her aunt's room. She found that Mrs. Goldberg was anxiously awaiting her.

"You have decided, dear? You are not going to marry Lord Harecastle?" she asked, and her face was expressive of great agitation.

"I must, aunt. There is no alternative," she said dully.

"Confide in me, dear. Tell me everything," she said.

Rebekah shook her head and tears came to her eyes.

"I am very unhappy, and I don't know what to do. Cyril does not love me, and father insists that I must marry him," she said miserably.

"But he cannot compel you to," she cried quickly.

"You do not understand everything. I shall have to do as he says. But, oh dear, the misery of having to live with him, knowing that he does not love me! I cannot bear it."

"I am surprised at Lord Harecastle. I did not think he was the sort of man whom money would tempt, though I always thought that he did not love you."

"It is not the money. I wish I could tell you, but I am afraid. Father holds some dreadful secret, and he is forcing him to marry me."

She burst into sobs, and Mrs. Goldberg took her to her arms, and vainly tried to comfort her. A knock at the door was heard.

"Dry your tears, dear. Remember that you will soon have to receive the guests. I will see that it is."

"Miss Fetherston has come. I have told them to take her to the drawing-room, and that you will be down soon," Mrs. Goldberg said when she returned.

"What shall I do, aunt?" she asked wearily.

"You must talk to Lord Harecastle, or shall I? There is nothing worse than a loveless marriage. What you tell me explains everything. It is a terrible position, and your father is a wicked man. But I never properly understood Joel. There is a cruel taint in his nature when he is crossed, and he will fight for his own way whatever misery he causes. I am so sorry for you, dear. But dry your tears, we will find out a way," she wound up cheerfully, but she had little hope in her own heart.

It was some time before Rebekah succeeded in composing herself. She could come to no determination. She believed that her father would keep his word if she refused to marry Harecastle, and that he would announce to the world that the engagement was broken off owing to the discovery of the Earl's treason. She preferred to suffer herself rather than her lover should incur the ignominy that would be visited upon his family. Of her father she could not think. His baseness utterly dumfounded her.

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trust me, Lord Harecastle," she said with a pitiful smile.

"Then if you know all, how can we break off this marriage?"

"They cannot force us if we both refuse."

"But the effect—the terrible effect. Your father will never consent."

Her face turned white. She remembered her recent interview with him and the firm attitude he had taken up. Would she be able to move him? If she and Harecastle went together and made an appeal to his better feelings!

"You and I must see him together; he may grant our wish." But Ethel broke in upon their conversation.

"You may do as you like. But you must not think that if this marriage is broken off, I shall accept your discarded husband, Miss Josephs," she cried fiercely.

Rebekah turned to her with a pained look.

"Some day you will regret your unbelief. I should trust Cyril, should the whole world be against him," she cried warmly.

"But you appear to have superior information. You share his secret and possess his confidence to the full. You may well trust him. I can only judge him of his actions. Do you think I am unreasonable? There was no happier woman in the world than I when he asked me to be his wife. I loved, I revered him. When he asked me to trust him, I consented. I never deemed him capable of an act that was not strictly honorable. Then, too, when he came to me and wished me to give him back his word—although my heart was broken, I consented. But what happened; within a few hours I read of his engagement to the wealthy Miss Josephs. Not a word to me of warning. The blow came and my whole nature was warped. Poverty I never feared, and I told Cyril so. I believed, too, that he would have been content to bear it with me. And yet riches tempted him. He tells me that he never loved you. There might have been some cause, if your beauty had tempted him, and his love had left me. But no, in cold blood, loving me, as he tells me, he asks you to marry him. And you say that you forgive him. You are not a woman. You are an angel," she cried with biting contempt.

"Be silent, Ethel," Harecastle cried fiercely.

"You know not what you say. Miss Josephs is so generous and large-hearted, that your attitude seems pitiful beside her self-sacrifice."

"And you thought he was about to marry me for my money?" Rebekah said reproachfully.

"You understand him so little as that! Miss Fetherston, you make me think that you are not worthy of his love. Have faith in him, I implore you take him to your heart. Blot out these days of misery and be happy with him—then I shall be content."

For a moment Ethel wavered, but Rebekah's appeal only angered her. Then, too, Harecastle's warm defence of the woman to whom he was engaged did not please her. She knew there was a mystery, but she did not think that it could be of such a nature, that it would give her back the respect that she formerly had for him.

The pity of it was that she knew she still loved him, but she hardened her heart and faced them coldly.

"I do not want to hear any more. My mind is made up. I should like to go," she said firmly.

"Lord Harecastle, would you mind leaving us together?" Rebekah asked eagerly.

He hesitated for a moment and looked at Ethel, but she showed no sign of either assent or dissent. He finally went out, and Rebekah eagerly approached the other.

"Sit down, Miss Fetherston," she said softly. "Do let us be friends. I have never had a real friend in my life, except my aunt."

She led her to a seat and sat down beside her.

"I know you still love Cyril, for you cannot help it. Your heart ought to be glad with joy. I throw away my pride and tell you that I would give the world to be in your place—that he should love me. For a time, when I thought I held his heart this earth was Heaven to me. There is a chance of happiness for you. Grasp it at eagerly; sink your distrust and believe. Let nothing turn you, but cling to him, and all difficulties will vanish. Within a day or two, the world will know that our engagement is broken off. Be the result what it may, I tell you that it shall be done. It may entail suffering, but what is that compared with a life's happiness? I tell you frankly that I shall suffer, but if you turn away from Cyril, you will only add to my misery. I don't think I am small-minded. To know that he was with you would bring me comfort, in my sorrow."

"You are a strange girl, and very generous. I cannot understand you," Ethel said in a softened voice, for the appeal had touched her heart.

"We Jews have passionate natures; but we have been brought up to think self-sacrifice a privilege of our race. We are not jealous in the way of other people. My only desire is for Cyril's happiness. He has been cruelly treated, and has behaved nobly."

"In making love to me to-day," Ethel replied in a hotly.

"But there was the temptation. One cannot always govern one's feelings. You must forgive him, for it is not my right to be angry rather than you!" Rebekah said simply.

"It was an insult to us both. Ah! child. I am so miserable," she ended weakly.

Tears came to her eyes, and Rebekah drew nearer to her.

"Just take him back to you will forgive him," she insisted. "I will bring him to you. As for me, you must see that our engagement is at an end. Don't let my consideration for me prevent you from opening your heart."

"No, I cannot say that I forgive him. I have been too deeply wounded."

"Think again, dear. For when you know the truth, you will be proud to take him back to your heart, and you will blame yourself for your unbelief. Be generous. You will never regret it," Rebekah cried passionately.

She might have been pleading for her own life, she spoke so eloquently, but her words appeared to fall on deaf ears, for Ethel turned impatiently away.

(To be continued.)

FEDERAL LIFE PROGRESS.

Financial Statement for Past Year

Pre-eminently Satisfactory.

Policy-holders and shareholders of the Federal Life Assurance Co. must be highly gratified with the twenty-seventh annual financial statement of the directors, which appears in another column. The progress it has made during the past year clearly reveals that Canadians appreciate home companies that are wisely managed, in preference to those operating under foreign charters.

This company offers policy-holders ample security and pays them liberal bonuses on the maturity of their policies.

During the past year income and assets show a healthy increase. The latter now stand at \$3,214,856.65, an increase of \$314,383.91, exclusive of guarantee capital.

The security for policy-holders, including guarantee capital, now stands at the high figure of \$4,184,856.65, whilst the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims is \$3,045,726.00, showing the handsome surplus of \$1,140,070.65, exclusive of uncalculated capital.

A FOND RECOLLECTION.

"I have wondered sometimes," said the amiable head of a voracious city family, "why we didn't have more griddle cakes, wheat and buckwheat, and that sort of thing in our house, because I am very fond of such cakes, and so are all the children, and of buckwheat cakes in particular. I have a very pleasant recollection."

"When I was a boy we used to have always buckwheat cakes for breakfast in winter, with fried pork chops or fried sausages, and I used to think that that was a breakfast good enough for anybody, and I still think so."

"The cakes we used to mix in a batter pot different from any other piece of crockery I ever saw, and I can see it now in my mind's eye as plainly as if it stood before me, a deep, straight-sided, earthenware pot of a very dark brown glaze and in capacity of about a gallon and a half and having on the other side a handle; the only pot of that style and dimensions that I ever saw, and perhaps it was the only one ever made."

"We valued it highly. I am sure that if anything had happened to that pot it would have been regarded as a household calamity, familiar to us as it had become through year after year of use, and the mixing of the batter in it was a mighty familiar household rite, the last thing done in winter before we went to bed."

"Every morning when the cakes were cooked there was left in the pot just enough of the material to serve as yeast for the next day's batch; and every night the last thing we did was to get out the buckwheat batter pot and mix up in it the batter for the next morning's cakes. Then we would put a loose cover on the pot and set it near the kitchen stove, and so it would get a little warm, but not too much, so that the batter would rise just right. Sometimes it would run over, but not often, for our folks were high experts in making buckwheat batter, and usually our batter rose just enough to fill the pot, rising at the same time to the highest attainable quality; and then in the morning the batter was thinned down a little, so that it would spread just exactly right when poured on the griddle, and then the family was ready to eat 'em."

"It seems to me that the pork chops we had in those days were better than any to be had now; they were from locally raised and fattened pigs, and they were very tender and superior. Certainly it would be difficult to find now such sausages as we had then."

"We used to eat those buckwheat cakes red hot off the griddles, with those superior pork chops, or those have something of that sort now; but she, meaning thereby my better half, telling me that cooking cakes means a headache and that cooking food and a tired back, that cooking for this family would be a awful task and that it wouldn't do. So that grand breakfast of buckwheat cakes and sausages comes to me now in memory only."

How to Speculate

Money is made by getting in on the ground floor in all mining propositions. An investor putting up his money to develop a new claim is the person who is entitled to the first profits. The first profits on gold mining deals are enormous.

The Crown Reserve Mining Company was composed of thirty shares of \$1,000 each. When the property had been sufficiently developed to warrant its being turned into a Company, each syndicate shareholder received 30,000 shares of stock in the Company, for each \$1,000 he had paid in. Each share of these 30,000 shares is to-day selling at \$2.80.

The Temiskaming & Hudson Bay Mining Company's shares were sold at 25c. each. To-day they are selling at \$3.00 per share and have paid over 12,500% in dividends.

The Right of Way Mining Company's shares were sold at 15c. and are to-day selling at \$4 per share.

These results are obtained by taking the first chance. If the property in which you are interested turns out good, you make a fortune, if not, you have a limited loss.

We are organizing a syndicate to operate three claims in Gowanda, the richest silver section ever discovered. These claims, we think, will turn out well and should show enormous profits to the syndicate members. The syndicate will be for \$50,000, divided into 100 shares of \$500 each. These shares are payable \$100 cash and four further payments of \$100 per month. Of this \$40,000 will be paid for the properties and \$10,000 provided for working capital. If development work warrants the formation of a Company, a Company will be formed with \$2,000,000 capitalization, and each share in the syndicate will be entitled to 15,000 shares of stock in the Company, and the remaining 500,000 shares will be left in the Treasury for future developments. Syndicate shares are going fast. Write us at once.

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The Federal Life Assurance Co. of Canada.

Twenty-seventh Annual Statement

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Federal Life Assurance Company of Canada was held at the Company's Home Office in Hamilton, Tuesday, 10th February, 1903, at 2 p.m. Mr. David Dexter in the chair, Mr. W. H. Davis, Acting Secretary.

The Annual Report, as follows, was read and adopted, on motion of the President, Mr. Dexter, seconded by Vice-President, Mr. Davis.

The Directors have the honor to present the Report and Financial Statement of the Company for the year which closed 31st December, 1902, duly vouched for by the Auditors.

The new business of the year consisted of two thousand six hundred and thirty-one applications for insurance, aggregating \$7,713,469.56, of which two thousand four hundred and twenty-three applications for \$3,377,723.33 were accepted.

As in previous years, the income of the Company showed a gratifying increase, and the assets of the Company have increased by \$314,383.91, and have now reached \$3,214,856.65, exclusive of guarantee capital.

The security for Policy-holders, including guarantee capital, amounted at the close of the year to \$4,184,856.65, and the liabilities for reserves and all outstanding claims, \$3,045,726.00, showing a surplus of \$1,140,070.65. Exclusive of uncalculated guarantee capital, the surplus to Policy-holders was \$270,070.65.

Policies on ninety-seven lives became claims through death, to the amount of \$162,160.56.

Including Cash Dividends and Dividends applied to the reduction of premiums, with annuities, the total payment to Policy-holders amounted to \$203,743.23. Careful attention has been given to the investment of the Company's funds in first-class bonds, mortgage securities, and loans on the Company's policies amply secured by reserves. Our investments have yielded a very satisfactory rate of interest.

Expenses have been confined to a reasonable limit, consistent with due efforts for new business. The results of the year indicate a most gratifying progress. Compared with the preceding year, the figures submitted by the Directors for your approval show an advance of nearly ten and one-half per cent. in assets.

Your assurance carried by the Company now amount to \$30,186,406.61, upon which the Company holds reserves to the full amount required by law, and, in addition thereto, a considerable surplus.

You are to be congratulated on the fact that the surplus over Capital and all Liabilities increased \$5,140.65, or nearly seventy per cent., during the past year.

The field officers and agents of the Company are intelligent and loyal, and are entitled to much credit for their able representation of the Company's service. The members of the office staff have also been able to state that the business of the Company for the past two months of the current year has been of a most satisfactory character, and that the outlook for the future is most encouraging.

DAVID DEXTER, President and Managing Director.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Federal Assurance Company:

Gentlemen: We have carefully audited the books and records of your Company for the year ending 31st December last, and have certified to their accuracy.

The Cash and Journal Vouchers have been closely examined and agree with the entries recorded.

The Debentures, Bonds, etc., in the possession of the Company have been inspected, while those deposited with the Government or Banks have been verified by certificate, the total agreeing with the amounts as shown in the Statement of Assets.

The accompanying Statements, viz., Revenue and Expenditure, Assets and Liabilities, show the result of the year's operations and also the financial position of the Company.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. STEPHENS,
CHARLES STIFF,
Auditors.

Hamilton 1st February, 1903.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1902

RECEIPTS.

Premium and Annuity Income.....	675,604 85
Interests, Rents and Profits.....	151,853 96
All other Payments.....	826,858 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Policy-holders.....	303,743 23
Death Losses awaiting Proof.....	228,110 93
Other Liabilities.....	297,070 65
Balance.....	826,858 81

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31st, 1902.

Debentures and Bonds.....	1,071,735 71
Mortgages.....	865,022 61
Loans on Policies, Bonds, Stock, etc.....	2,653 59
All other Assets.....	754,754 33
Total.....	\$3,144,856 65

LIABILITIES.

Reserve Fund.....	2,293,478 00
Death Losses awaiting Proof.....	228,110 93
Other Liabilities.....	297,070 65
Surplus on Policy-holders' Account.....	534,856 65
Assets.....	670,000 00
Guarantee Capital.....	4,184,856 65
Total Security.....	\$3,773,723 33

Policies were issued, insuring..... \$2,236,406 61

Total Insurance in Force..... \$3,314,856 65

After the adoption of the Report the retiring Directors were re-elected for the ensuing year. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the retiring officers and Executive Committee were re-elected.

extra superior sausages, and with the pork or sausage gravy on the cakes—a morning meal of great delight and glory.

"A meal calculated to tax the stoutest constitution surely, but we all had cast iron stomachs and it did us no harm; and I have wondered sometimes why we couldn't

me now in memory only."

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1909.

In The Legislature

For a generation past country storekeepers have been freely selling Rochelle Salts, quinine, thubarb, saltpetre, spirits of nitre, magnesia, and similar simple drugs. In 1905 a change was made in the law governing the sale of drugs. The old statute declared that none but druggists should sell a certain specified list of poisons, but the law passed in 1905 added to this that none but druggists should sell any drug and medicine save proprietary medicines, and the specified list of poisons. The change prohibited storekeepers from selling similar articles which they had been selling for a generation past. No notice was sent out of the change made in the law, and some months ago an informer went through south-western Ontario and laid charges against a large number of storekeepers for violating the law. Some of these were compelled to travel from eight to eighteen miles to answer to the first charge and made against them in a court, and they had been doing for years and what they did not know to have been recently made contrary to the law.

Petitions are now pouring into the Legislature wholesale, asking for the repeal of the amendment made in 1905 and a return to the old condition. Mr. Bowyer, who is moving in the matter in the House, not only proposes to grant what the petitioners are asking for, but to wipe out that part of the law which provides that one-half the penalties inflicted in such cases shall go to the College of Medicine. He proposes to provide that any penalties that may be collected shall be appropriated as other penalties are.

An Object Lesson

"The tunnel under the St. Clair River through which Grand Trunk trains pass is about two and a quarter miles long," said H. J. Pettyplace, ex-M. P. P., speaking at a meeting of the Forest Grange recently.

"The tunnel is owned by a company, all the shares of which, save one, are held by the Grand Trunk. It is really a part of the Grand Trunk System. Half of it is in Ontario and half in Michigan. Towards the cost of building the Ontario end the Dominion Government gave a subsidy of \$385,000. Towards the cost of constructing the Michigan end no subsidy was given. On the American end \$24,900 is collected by the State of Michigan in taxation. On the Ontario end the tax is \$730. For carrying a passenger through the tunnel the charge is ten cents—six cents for the Ontario half of the run and four for the Michigan half. And still the Grand Trunk, which operates the tunnel, has built its electric power houses, by which the trains are hauled through the tunnel, on the American side. It has located its ice houses and restaurants on the same side. All the terminal and other facilities are at the American end, while the Saris end is a mere flag station."

The Rat's Board Bill

Under this caption Michael Williams, writing in Success, submits the following statistics of the expensive destructiveness of rats:

The bill of damages which civilization holds against the rodent foot on into tremendous figures. According to the experts of the Bureau of Biological Survey of our Department of Agriculture, Uncle Sam alone has to pay \$160,000,000 every year on account of property damages inflicted by the pest. John Bull and the Kaiser between them have to fork over \$150,000,000. The rat bill of the world would reach into the billions.

Sir James Crichton-Browne, president of a recently-formed international union of scientific organizations working together for the extermination of rats, declared that every rat in the United States costs the citizens at least two cents a day for its keep. In England a rat costs from half a cent to five cents daily. The British India rat is the most expensive rodent of them all, for there each of the innumerable swarming millions of the pests consumes on an average three cents daily.

If you add to the cost of the board and lodgings of rats the expense of maintaining quarantine operations against them and of fighting the diseases spread by them, the average specimen of the rodent tribe preying on civilized nations may be said to cost us from seven to ten cents a day.

Too Many Varieties

Prof. Zavitz, of the Guelph Agricultural College, during the past season, in response to 400 applications sent to farmers throughout Ontario, received replies bearing on the "leading varieties" of potatoes of the number of 90. If, as Prof. Zavitz said, farmers who are growing potatoes for sale would confine production to one or two leading varieties infinitely better results would be obtained. Dealers complain that they cannot get a straight carload of one variety at any one shipping point in Ontario. As a consequence the Maritime Provinces, in which train-loads of one variety can be obtained, are being drawn upon to supply Toronto and other Ontario city markets.

The big grist mill and millhouse at Demorestville were destroyed by fire.

A Boston man has invented a machine for generating electricity from the sun's rays.

TOO CLEAN.

African Natives Who Were Laid in Their Use of Soap.

Mrs. Mary Kingsley, who made many journeys in the wilds of Africa, used to relate how once, finding it necessary to cleanse a much soiled and stained blouse, she carried it, with a cake of soap, to a neighboring spring, where an interested group of native women watched her wash it. They were much impressed by the way in which the blouse disappeared, and it emerged as a new one.

The next morning when it came time for a break camp Mrs. Kingsley missed her soap—a precious commodity in the wilderness. Suspicion soon pointed to a certain woman, who, on being accused, confessed boldly that she had taken it and cast it into the spring, that its extraordinary powers of removing old garments might be permanently imparted to the waters. She was deeply mortified to learn that her effort had been in vain.

The Rev. Peter McQueen of Charlestown, Mass., tells a kindred story. His soap, however, was not lost, although misused. He still had it with him.

"I told our native servants to be sure to lay in a supply of clean water when we crossed the Tarn desert, a scorched belt of sand stretching some seventy-six miles," he relates. "Things had reached us that an English explorer who had attempted to cross that desert shortly before we had perished from thirst, so we wanted to be careful."

"You can imagine my surprise when, upon taking my first draft of water, I discovered that it tasted strongly of soap. All the casks were similarly tainted, and we rounded up the natives and held a hasty court martial."

"It was a tough predicament, but I couldn't refrain from smiling within when the leader of them meekly confessed that as the master had instructed him to lay in a supply of clean water he had seen to it that bars of soap were added, for soap, he said, was used to clean things."

They did not perish of thirst, but after sixteen days of drinking soapsuds, which agreed with neither palate nor stomach, no native of that particular gang was again likely to try to purify water with soap.—Youth's Companion.

ON THE DEAD RUSH.

An Experience In Getting Acquainted In New York.

Getting acquainted in New York is thus described by a man from Atlanta. He brought a letter of introduction to the person he was to meet at the latter's office in Nassau street.

"This is the Atlantian's report to his house:

"Called at 2 p. m. Boy on the gate asked my name and business. Gave him the letter of introduction. Boy returned and told me to sit down."

"Sat down twenty-five minutes. Saw a man come out of his office and break through the gate as if he was chased by hornets."

"Who's the man from Atlanta who wants to see me?" asked the hurried individual.

"I am the man," I replied, trying to act as if I was also hurried.

"Come along with me," said the man as he grabbed me by the arm. He dragged me through the main door into the hallway. He caught sight of a descending elevator and shrieked to the man in the car to stop.

"The door of the car slid ajar, and the man who had me by the arm said, 'Come along; let's get acquainted as we go down.'"

"By that time the car had reached the landing on the main floor. As the door of the car was pushed back the man who had my letter in his hand said:

"I haven't had time to read this letter, but we know each other. Come in day after tomorrow. I've got to make a train. I'll know you when we meet again. Goodbye."

"Before I could say goodbye he had turned the corner and was out of sight. That's business in New York."—Success Magazine.

Had Two Faults.

Uncle Remus, besides being an inveterate horse trader, was something of a wag. One day, after swapping a rather disreputable looking nag, he said:

"Now, stranger, I'll tell you fair—dat horse hab got two faults."

"And more, too, I guess," assented the other. "But what are they?"

"Wal, de he gets out in de field he's de habbles' boss ter ketch y' ever seed, an' when yer ketch 'im he ain't wuth a cuss."—Judge.

A Versatile Fellow.

A young man wants situation as odd man or pair of horses.—Kirkcubrightshire Advertiser.

We have an old revolving cage, if he would care to come as three white mice.—London Punch.

Trials of the Road.

Mrs. Farmer—Say, mister, don't you never do no work? Dewey Eve—Well, if you knew how hard it wuz fer a college bred man to answer questions asked by ungrammatical females yer wouldn't ask dat.—Judge.

Warm.

Mrs. Buggins—Before we were married you used to say I was the sunshine of your life. Mrs. Buggins—Well, I admit that you still do your best to make things hot for me.—Philadelphia Record.

Lady Wortley Montagu used to say that her only objection to being a man was that she would have to marry a woman.

"Diamond" Flasco Recalled.

As the name suggests, Sir Julius Wornher is of German ancestry. He was born at Darmstadt fifty-eight years ago, the son of Gen. Friedrich August Wornher, of the German army, and the application and energy which he has shown throughout his career are amply typified by the "head of a grapple-iron, argent," which appears on his coat-of-arms. He was created a baronet three years ago. Sir Julius is a striking-looking man, who certainly has a wonderfully fine taste for all things beautiful. He is said to have paid the Leigh trustees \$1,200,000 for the historic mansion and estate of Linton Hall, England, so long the home of that delightful person, the late Madame de Falde. He also purchased Bath House, the curious yellow mansion situated at the corner of Piccadilly and Bolton street, London, which he entirely redecorated and filled with the loveliest and rarest pictures, china, and enamels. 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store in connection.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. J. A. Elliott spent last week with
friends in Tweed.

Miss Della Bell of Little Current, Man-
itoulis is home for a month's vacation.

Mr. John Gay of Campbellford was visit-
ing his sister, Mrs. Cook, on Tuesday.

Miss M. Anderson of Kemptonville is
again in charge of the military department
of Cook & Fox.

Mr. J. W. Heagle of Spring Brook in-
tends leaving on Tuesday next with his
family for Calgary, Alta.

Mr. Robert A. Pollock of Kincardine
spent part of last week at the home of
Wm. Pollock, Wellman's Corners.

Mr. M. W. Vrecoot, from Highclere,
Sask., is here visiting relatives and friends.
He intends taking some horses back with
him.

Report of S. S. No. 7, Rawdon
Names in order of merit.

Sr. IV.—K. Doak, J. Bateman, G. Tucker,
H. Neal, J. Downs.

Jr. IV.—W. S. E. Dwyer.

Sr. III.—T. Conley, M. Bateman, C.
Tucker.

Jr. III.—F. Demorest.

Sr. II.—A. Hagerman, W. Sugden.

Jr. II.—E. Dwyer, I. Robinson, E. Dwyer.

Sr. I.—E. Broadbent, C. Neal, A. Hager-
man.

I.—V. Neal, G. Dwyer.

E. TREADGOLD, Teacher.

Minto School Report for January
and February

Sr. IV.

Arithmetic—Alice Hagerman, Arthur
Hagerman (equal), Ada Hagerman, Joey
Robins (equal).

History—Arthur Hagerman, Ada Hager-
man, J. Robins, Alice Hagerman.

Grammar—Arthur Hagerman, J. Robins,
Alice Hagerman, Ada Hagerman.

Spelling—J. Robins, Arthur Hagerman,
Alice Hagerman, Ada Hagerman.

Drawing—J. Robins, Ada Hagerman,
Arthur Hagerman.

Writing—Ada Hagerman, Arthur Hager-
man, J. Robins.

Literature—Arthur Hagerman, J. Robins,
Alice Hagerman, Ada Hagerman.

Geography—Arthur Hagerman, J. Robins,
Alice Hagerman, Ada Hagerman.

III. Class

Arithmetic—S. Heagle, R. Bedell, F. Reid,
F. Bedell.

Literature—S. Heagle, R. Bedell and P.
Reid (equal), F. Bedell.

History—P. Reid, F. Bedell, S. Heagle, R.
Bedell.

Grammar—F. Bedell, S. Heagle, P. Reid,
R. Bedell.

Spelling—S. Heagle, R. Bedell, F. Bedell,
F. Reid.

Geography—R. Bedell, F. Bedell and S.
Heagle (equal).

Drawing—P. Reid, R. Bedell, F. Bedell,
S. Heagle.

Writing—S. Heagle, F. Bedell, P. Reid,
R. Bedell.

II. Class

Arithmetic—M. Reid, E. Hagerman, F.
Hagerman.

Writing—E. Hagerman, M. Reid, F. Hager-
man, G. Fraser.

Spelling—E. Hagerman, F. Hagerman, G.
Fraser, M. Reid.

Drawing—F. Hagerman, E. Hagerman.

Literature—F. Hagerman, F. Hagerman,
M. Reid, G. Fraser.

Sr. Pl. II.

Arithmetic—E. Bedell, K. Sine, J. Wright.

Spelling—E. Bedell and K. Sine (equal).

J. Wright.

Names are arranged in order of merit.
Average attendance 15.

H. BAILEY, Teacher.

A falling tip nerve—no larger than the
finest silver thread—takes from the heart
its impulse, its power, its regularity. The
Stomach also has its hidden, or inside
nerve. It was Dr. Shoop who first told us
it was wrong to drug a weak or failing
Stomach, Heart or Kidneys. His prescrip-
tion—Dr. Shoop's Restorative—is directed
straight for the cause of these ailments—
these weak and faltering inside nerves.
This, no doubt, clearly explains why the
Restorative has of late grown so rapidly
in popularity. Druggists say that those
who test the Restorative even for a few
days soon become fully convinced of its
wonderful merit. Anyway, don't drug
organ. Treating the cause of sickness is
the only sensible and successful way. Sold
by all dealers.

ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local column will be charged as follows:
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and un-
der, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines,
75c. per line. Matter set in larger than the
ordinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains to and from Stirling station as follows—
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex. 6:03 a.m. Passenger 10:27 a.m.
Passenger 6:45 p.m. Mail & Ex. 5:41 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1909.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Anyone interested in Horticulture
and winter flowering bulbs may see a
beautiful display by calling at Mrs.
Jas. Boldrick's residence.

Stirling Council C. O. O. F. No. 194
will hereafter meet regularly in the
fine new hall over Mr. F. T. Ward's
store. See card in another column.

The regular meeting of the W. M. S.
of the Methodist church will be on
Tuesday next at 8 p.m. These meetings
are open to all ladies of the congregation.

A series of illustrated views are to be
given in Albert Hall (over F. T. Ward's
store) on Friday night. As a number
of views are especially interesting
children the program begins at 7:30.
The members of the Maple Leaf Mission
Band may get tickets free from the
Secretary. The admission to others is
15c. and 10c.

Mr. Clair Jarvis, superintendent of
organization, Canadian Order Wood-
men of the World, will visit Stirling
next week and assist local organizer W.
P. Chard a few days before the night
of institution here, which will be, no
doubt, about Thursday, 11th inst., when
a large number of charter applicants
will be introduced into Woodcraft.

A number of young people are in
Belleville this week attending the Mis-
sionary Institute held there. From the
Methodist church Misses Gwladys
Phipps, M. E. Currie, Laura Caldwell,
and Mr. Geo. Ingham are the delegates.
Those appointed from St. Andrew's
church were Misses B. Ward, E. Ken-
nedy, C. Tulloch, H. Caverley and Mr.
W. Duncan.

The Spring Brook Women's Institute
met on February 24th at the home of
Mrs. Wm. Reid. Owing to unfavorable
weather and bad roads only 12 mem-
bers and one visitor were present. The
members of the Institute, in order to
arouse interest and have a sociable
evening, intend holding an "At Home"
on the 15th of March at the home of
Mrs. T. C. McConnell. Everybody
welcome.

The congregation of the Methodist
church met last night for an "At Home"
in the lecture-room of the church. A
good portion of the congregation were
present to hear the reports of the various
departments of church work and to
enjoy a social hour. The reports were
very satisfactory, and showed progress
in every department. An anthem by
the choir, a recitation by Miss Maud
Hawkins, and a solo by Miss M. Currie
added to the interest of the evening.
Refreshments were served and an hour
spent in promoting the social side of
church life.

A grand concert is to be given in the
opera house here, on the evening of
Friday, March 12th, under the auspices
of the Foxboro Band. A good program
will be given by the following talent:
Madam A. Don Cochrane, contralto
soloist, A. C. Dafeo, Milton Vande-
water, Wm. Paterson, T. S. Holgate,
Stillman Gay, all soloists, Lewis Den-
yes and A. Honeywell, elocutionists,
W. Keyes, clarinet soloist, R. Blaind,
baritone and cornet soloist, J. Weese,
bass violinist, and the Foxboro orches-
tra. Tickets 25c., children 15c., reserved
seats 35c. See large posters.

The Deseronto Tribune announced
last week that that was the last issue
of the paper, and that it has been forced
to this on account of the want of adver-
tising patronage by the merchants of
the town. The Tribune has been pub-
lished for over 27 years, and has been a
well conducted paper, having a good
subscription list, but has found as others
have proved, that the subscription list
alone will not pay the running expenses.
The publishers of the Tribune state
that the paper has been run at a loss
for the past few years, and now they
are forced to discontinue publication.
They also state that publication may be
resumed again should circumstances
warrant such a course.

A Strong Popular School

"In union there is strength." "In a
multitude of councilors there is much
wisdom." These are two of the many
reasons why young people consider it
best to attend Canada's Greatest Chain
of High-grade Modern Actual Business
Schools. The Peterboro Business Col-
lege, whose new advertisement appears
in this issue, is a worthy link.

HOCKEY

Two games of hockey have been
played on the Stirling rink during the
past week. The first was on Friday
night last between Marmora and Stirling
teams and resulted in a victory for the
home team by a score of 7-1. The
second game took place last evening
between the Madoc and Marmora teams,
and it was a hotly contested game. The
Madoc team were the winners, the
score standing at the close 3-2. To-
morrow evening Stirling and Madoc
play at Marmora to decide the cham-
pionship of this district.

The Story of "Jean Valjean"

Mastery Narration by Dr. S.
Cleaver of Toronto in St.
Andrew's Church

One of the most profitable and en-
joyable evenings afforded a Stirling
audience for a long time was the pres-
ence in St. Andrew's church of Dr.
Cleaver, of the Metropolitan Methodist
Church, Toronto, on Monday night last.
Shortly after eight o'clock every seat
was occupied, and late-comers had to
stand, as no interruption of the story
was permitted by the carrying in of
chairs.

In telling Victor Hugo's immortal
story Dr. Cleaver has done an admir-
able piece of condensation. The two-
hour story is perfect in itself, and to
any hearer who had not read "Les
Misérables" it would appear difficult to
add anything to its completeness.

While Dr. Cleaver makes no effort to
impose upon, yet in giving the thoughts
of Inspector Javert, of M. Thenardier,
and of Mme. Thenardier the audience
lost sight of Dr. Cleaver and saw the
keen detective, the grasping extortionist,
and the jealous mother and crime-
proud wife. The calm goodness of the
Bishop of D— was most feelingly
portrayed, and the rapid manner of
protest at the Bishop's generosity by
Jean Valjean was forcibly and hum-
orously expressed.

Here and there Dr. Cleaver intro-
duced a little original humor which
relieved the tension of the thrilling in-
cidents of the story. The Reverend
gentleman could not resist the preach-
er's temptation to drive home some
truths that stand out in Hugo's master-
piece, but it was so well done that with
the main story it was all heartily en-
joyed.

It is safe to say that the memories of
the evening will long remain with all
those present, and the man or woman
who is not the better after those two
hours in St. Andrew's church must be
a difficult subject to reach through
mind or heart.

Death of Mrs. J. W. Huffman

On Monday, February 22nd, death
visited the home of Mr. J. W. Huff-
man, taking from him his beloved wife.
Mrs. Huffman was the eldest daughter
of the late Allen Williams, and was
born on December 4th, 1849, in the
township of Rawdon, where she always
resided. In 1869 she was united in
marriage to J. W. Huffman of Rawdon.
She leaves to mourn her loss her be-
loved husband, two daughters, Mrs. S.
Dean of Thurlow, and Mrs. S. Sargent
of Lowell, Mich.; also a sister, Miss M.
P. Williams of Norwood, and a brother,
Mr. S. B. Williams, who now resides
near Castleton. Her sudden death has
cast a gloom over a large circle of rela-
tives and friends, and the bereaved ones
have the sincere sympathy of the com-
munity.

The late Mrs. Huffman was of a very
cheerful and amiable disposition, and
was beloved by all who knew her. At
a very early age she was converted to
God, and proved to be a true follower
during her entire life. Her clear testi-
monies during her life were inspiring to
both old and young and were continued
to the end, when her last words were
"I am prepared to go, and resigned to
the Lord's will."

The funeral service was conducted at
Mt. Pleasant by the pastor, Rev. W. H.
Clarke, and interment was made in the
Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

5,000 Facts About Canada

The public will welcome the 1909 re-
vised edition of this valuable booklet,
which has been happily described as a
tabloid encyclopedia of Canada. It is
unique and clever in its arrangement as
worked out by its compiler, Mr. Frank
Yeigh of Toronto, the well-known
writer and lecturer. 50,000 copies have
already been sold. The resources,
wildlife, business of the country are
given in a concrete form—a fact in a
sentence. Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M.
P. for York, Eng., says: "It is an eye-
opener to even a keen Canadian like
myself." A copy may be had for 25
cents from the Canadian Facts Pub-
lishing Co., 667 Spadina Ave., Toronto.

March Home Journal

The HOME JOURNAL for March con-
tains a most startling article on the
"White Slave Traffic" by Hon. E. T.
Sims of Chicago, who is the in-
working of this nefarious trade in young
girls is laid bare. "Western Women
and the Dower" is the subject of a most
interesting discussion by Lillian K.
Benson of Winnipeg, and this with a
quintessential description of the Prairie
Settler by an Englishman, gives an in-
sight into the conditions in the Great
West. The March number is of course
Irish in tone and contains in addition
to two Thomas Moore's Irish melo-
dies, an historical reference to St. Pat-
rick, Ireland's patron saint. There is
the usual amount of story matter with
interesting departments on Fashions,
Fancy Work, Sick Room, Women's In-
stitutions, Household, etc. For the boys
some interesting comic tricks are plain-
ed. An increase in size and an advance
in subscription price is announced for
June 1st, but in the meantime subscrip-
tions are being taken at the old rate of
fifty cents. The HOME JOURNAL has
developed wonderfully, and is a credit
to Canadian journalism.

If you owe a trifle, pay it. If you
owe more than a trifle, liquidate it
cheerfully.

There was not a single case, civil or
criminal, to be tried at the spring
sessions at St. Catharines, which opened
on Monday.

Fortify now against the Grippe—for it
comes every season sure! Preventives
the little Candy Cold Cure Tablets—offer
in this respect a most certain and depend-
able safeguard. Preventives at the "sneeze
stage" as well as surely head off all
all common colds. But promptness is all-
important. Keep Preventives in the pocket
or purse for instant use. Box of 45 for 25c.
Sold by all dealers.

Stirling School Board

Minutes of a regular meeting of the
Stirling Board of Education held this
2nd day of March 1909, at the office of
the Secretary.

Members present, M. Bird, chairman;
F. T. Ward, Dr. H. H. Alger, J. S.
Morton, Dr. G. W. Faulkner, G. Labay,
Dr. C. F. Walt, C. W. Thompson, Dr.
J. D. Bissonnette.

Minutes of the last regular meeting
were read and approved.

The next order of business taken up
was reports of committees. Finance
committee gave no report. The property
committee reported through their chair-
man, Dr. Bissonnette, of the doing of
both schools, and the report was favor-
ably received. Upon motion of Dr.
Bissonnette, seconded by Dr. Faulkner,
the same was received, adopted and
filed.

Some of the suggestions for immedi-
ate action in the report were taken up
and the committee was authorized to
act at once.

The visiting committee gave no re-
port.

The teachers' committee reported as
to the efficiency of the work being done
and of their good fortune in obtaining
the services of Mrs. Williams in taking
the primary department during the
latter two weeks of February. It was
moved by Dr. Walt, seconded by Mr.
Morton, that a hearty vote of thanks be
tendered to Mrs. Williams for her kind-
ness in taking the room for the two
weeks.

Officers report—the Secretary reported
that the lecture to be given on Educa-
tion by Mr. Morton and Mr. Mackin-
tosh was under way.

The following accounts were ordered
to be paid: L. Meiklejohn, P. S., \$3.62,
Globe, P. S., \$1.33, Mail & Empire, P.
P., \$1.33.

A communication was received from
the Educational Department and Mr.
McGie of Belleville, and upon motion
of F. T. Ward, seconded by Dr. Faulk-
ner, the same was received and filed.

A communication was received from
Miss Skitch, in which her resignation
was tendered. Moved by Dr. Alger
seconded by F. T. Ward that the Sec-
retary notify Miss Skitch as to their
deliberations. The Secretary was
authorized to advertise for a teacher for
the second department of the Public
School, services to begin May 1st, salary
\$400.

Moved by Dr. Faulkner and seconded
by Dr. Walt that the property com-
mittee, chairman and principal of the High
School look after the needs of the High
School at once.

On motion of Dr. Bissonnette, seconded
by Dr. Faulkner, the Board ad-
journed.

G. G. THRASHER, Sec.-Treas.

Auction Sales

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH—On south half
of lot 13 in the 9th concession of Rawdon,
the farm stock, implements and household
furniture belonging to Mr. Wm. E. Green,
Sale at one o'clock, sharp. Wm. Rodgers,
auctioneer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH—On south half of
lot 23, con. 7, Sidney, the farm stock and
implements belonging to Mr. Earl Playter.
Sale at one o'clock, sharp. Wm. Rodgers,
auctioneer.

STIRLING COUNCIL C.O.C.F. No. 194

Meets the last Friday evening in every month
at eight o'clock. Lodge room: Over Fred T.
Ward's store.

DR. J. D. BISSENETTE, C.C.
FRED T. WARD, Recorder.

Lost

Last week, a young Hound. White
body with three or four black spots, and
tan head and ears. Any information as to
his whereabouts, left at this Office, will be
gratefully acknowledged.

Farm for Sale

The south half of lot 13, concession 9,
Rawdon, containing 100 acres. About 75
acres cleared, 18 acres in hardwood bush,
7 acres in pine, spruce and other timber.
Good brick house, large frame barn, ma-
chine house and hog pen. Two good wells
of water. For terms and further particu-
lars apply to

WM. E. GREEN,
Spring Brook.

Chopping Mill for Sale

The mill at Wellman's Corners, known
as Gullett's Mill, is offered for sale. Good
water power most of the year; gasoline
engine for use when water fails. Good
business all the year. For terms and fur-
ther particulars apply to

P. D. ALLAN,
Wellman's Corners.

New Masonic Hall

Is now available for social and other en-
gagements. For particulars of rental, etc.,
see Dr. WALT.

Clover Seed Wanted

Red Clover, Timothy and Alsike. Farm-
ers' seed cleaned for them at 5c. to 10c. per
bushel. If bought by us, cleaned free.

CHARLES E. BISHOP,
Seedman,
Belleville, Ont.

For Sale

A good, second-hand tubular Boiler, 62
tubes. Its front and fittings are entirely
new and never used. Will be sold cheap.
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HAMILTON GIRL MURDERED

Five Bullets Were Fired Into Miss Ethel Kinrade's Head and Breast.

A despatch from Hamilton says: About 3.45 o'clock on Thursday afternoon one of the most daring, cold-blooded and wanton murders that has ever blackened the criminal annals of this country was committed at the home of T. L. Kinrade, 105 Herkimer street. His second daughter, Miss Ethel, lying at the morgue with five bullet holes in her head and breast, while her murderer has, so far, eluded the police. The murderer is supposed to be a tramp. He went to the house at the hour mentioned while only Miss Florence and Miss Ethel were at home, and in response to his knock Miss Florence answered. He said he wanted something to eat and was invited in, after which he demanded money. He was given what Miss Florence could secure in the house, after which he shot Miss Ethel, who was about to leave the house in her fright, five times and escaped from the dining-room window. The police were notified about fifteen minutes after the shooting took place and were on the scene within less than half an hour.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MURDERER.

One of the most remarkable features about the tragedy is the fact that a man has been hanging about that neighborhood for several days past, and he is believed to be the murderer. The following description of the man who did the shooting has been furnished the police by Miss Florence Kinrade, and is all the police have to guide them in their search:

Age about 35 years, height about five feet seven or eight inches; pretty stout; medium dark complexion; long, wavy, dark-brown moustache, drooping over mouth; wore a dark suit and dark overcoat; a black slouch hat, pulled down over the eyes.

This has been placed in the hands of all the members of the force, and hope is entertained that the murderer will not be long at large, as word has been sent to the police at all outside points within a radius of several miles.

REWARDS OFFERED.

The Government has decided to offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. This makes the total reward offered \$2,000. Mr. Kinrade, it is said, offered \$1,000 to the person who will furnish information that will lead to the arrest, and the city had offered \$500.

MRS. AND MISS KINRADE.

Reporters have been denied access to Mrs. Kinrade and her daughter, Miss Florence, who are in a state bordering on nervous collapse. Mrs. Kinrade requires the attention of a trained nurse and medical treatment. On Friday night she fainted away, but recovered a short time afterwards.

FUNERAL OF THE VICTIM.

Hamilton, Feb. 23.—This afternoon the funeral of Miss Ethel Kinrade took place from the home of her father, Mr. T. L. Kinrade, 105 Herkimer street, to Hamilton cemetery, and it was witnessed by one of the largest crowds that ever gathered on such an occasion. The

whole block in which the house is situated was crowded with a pushing multitude which displayed a morbid curiosity that led some of those who were in front to act in a manner that was disgraceful. Men and women crowded upon the verandah and peered through the window to get a glimpse at what was taking place inside, while those who could not get close to the windows contented themselves with standing on the verandah railings. The streets along which the funeral passed were lined with thousands of people, and at the cemetery there was another large crowd. The police were stationed about the house and at the cemetery while the crowd in order to manage, there was no noisy demonstration or unusual confusion.

LIVING THE SCENE OVER.

A pathetic scene was enacted in the house shortly before the service was held. Miss Florence Kinrade was brought down with her mother to have a last look at the loved face, and as the coffin was opened she screamed, "Ethel, look yourself in your bedroom," and fell in a faint, from which it took some time to revive her.

SISTER TELLS NEW STORY.

Hamilton, March 1.—Miss Florence Kinrade, sister of Edith Kinrade, who was mysteriously murdered here in her father's home last Thursday, has given practically a new story of the terrible happenings that took place between 3 and 4 o'clock on the fatal day. Whether because of a weakened memory, or any other reason, Miss Kinrade has so materially altered her first accounts of the tragedy as to confuse the detectives and make it extremely difficult for them to proceed on any definite line of inquiry. Under their examination for two hours this morning she stated that the mysterious murderer fired shots at three different times, besides the shots which were supposed to have killed Edith; that she did not see her sister shot; that several shots were fired after her, and that the man who fired them was not a tramp. These statements, together with her remark that she has never had or handled firearms, are the only new developments in the case.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

February Returns Show a Slight Increase.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Customs collections have begun to respond to the improvement in business conditions of Canada. For many months they have been running behind the record of collections made last year. However, collections during February were not only equal to but a little better than the collections of the previous February, the total amount collected for the month being \$4,113,647, which is a betterment to the amount of \$24,919. For eleven months of the fiscal year the collections totalled \$42,630,700, which is \$10,879,821 less than the customs returns for the same period of the year before.

MILITARY DRILL IN SCHOOLS.

Government Will Extend System to all Provinces.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is announced in militia general orders that the Dominion Government has sanctioned an extension throughout Canada of the agreement which was made last year between the Minister of Militia and the educational authorities of Nova Scotia for the introduction into the Public schools of a system of physical training and military drill.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Mar. 2.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.50 to \$4 to-day in buyers' sacks out, side for export. Manitoba flour, first patents, \$5.70 to \$5.80 on track; Toronto, second patents, \$5.80 to \$5.90, and strong bakers', \$5 to \$5.10.

Wheat—Manitoba wheat, \$1.19 for No. 1 Northern, and \$1.16½ for No. 2 Northern, Georgian Bay ports. No. 1 Northern nominal, \$1.25½, all rail, and No. 2 Northern, \$1.20½, all rail.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 48 to 48½ on track, Toronto; No. 2 Western Canada oats, 48½, Collingwood, and No. 3, 47½, Collingwood. Peas—No. 2, 90c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 73c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 yellow, 72c, Toronto. Canadian corn, 68 to 69c, on track, Toronto.

Barley—Oats are \$23 to \$23½ in bulk outside. Shorts, \$23 in bulk outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$4 to \$4.50 for choice qualities, and \$3.50 to \$4 for cooking purposes.

Beans—Prime, \$1.90 to \$2, and hand-picked, \$2.10 to \$2.15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per dozen, and strained, 11 to 11½c per pound.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$10.75 to \$11 per ton on track here, and lower grades \$9 to \$10 a ton.

Straw—\$6.50 to \$7.50 on track. Potatoes—62 to 65c per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 12 to 14c per pound; fowl, 10 to 11c; ducks, 14 to 15c; geese, 12 to 13c; turkeys, 17 to 19c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 21 to 22c; tubs and large rolls, 19 to 20c; inferior, 16 to 17c; creamery rolls, 26c, and solids, 25c.

Eggs—Case lots of cold storage, 24c; select, 25c, and new laid, 27c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, 13½c per pound, and twins, 14c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11½ to 11¾c per pound in cast lots; mess pork, \$20 to \$20.50; short cut, \$23 to \$24.

Hams—Light to medium, 13½ to 14c; do., heavy, 12½ to 13c; rolls, 10½ to 11c; shoulders, 10 to 10½c; backs, 16 to 16½c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 13c; pails, 13½c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Mar. 2.—Peas—No. 2, 97½ to 98c. Oats—Canadian Western No. 2, 50½ to 51c; extra No. 1 feed, 50 to 50½c; No. 1 feed, 49½ to 50c; Ontario No. 2, 49 to 49½c; Ontario No. 3, 48½c to 49c; Ontario No. 4, 47½ to 48c; No. 2 barley, 63½ to 65c; Manitoba feed barley, 58 to 59½c; buckwheat, 55½ to 56c. Manitoba Spring wheat patents, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.30 to \$5.40; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.10 to \$5.20; Winter wheat patents, \$5.40 to \$5.50; straight rollers, \$5 to \$5.10; do., in bags, \$5.35 to \$5.45; extra in bags, \$1.15 to \$1.25. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$22 to \$24; do., shorts, \$24 to \$25; Ontario middlings, \$25 to \$25.50; pure grain mouille, \$25 to \$26; mixed mouille, \$25 to \$27. Cheese—Finest western, 13 to 13½c; eastern, 12½ to 13c. Butter—Fall creamery, 23c; Winter creamery, 22c. Eggs—New laid, 28c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Mar. 2.—Wheat, firm; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.15 to \$1.15½; May, \$1.16 bid. Rye—No. 1, 79c. Corn—May, 65½c bid. Barley—Standard, 66½c; sample, 64 to 66½c; No. 3, 64 to 65c; No. 4, 64c.

Minneapolis, Mar. 2.—Wheat—May, \$1.12½; July, \$1.12½; cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.14½ to \$1.15; No. 2 Northern, \$1.13½ to \$1.14; No. 3 Northern, \$1.11½ to \$1.12; No. 4 Northern, \$1.09 to \$1.10. Bran—\$23 to \$23.50. Flour—First patents, \$5.55 to \$5.65; second patents \$5.40 to \$5.50; first clears, \$4.10 to \$4.25; second clears, \$3.05 to \$3.15.

Duluth, Mar. 2.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.14½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.13½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.11½; May, \$1.12½; July, \$1.12½; Sept., \$1.09½.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Mar. 2.—The top price paid for export steers was 5.40, and for heavy bulls, \$4.55. Fair to good loads of exporters' realized from \$4.90 to \$5.35, with a steady demand for more. Butcher—Choice cattle were firm at \$4.80. Medium and light quality were steady. Cows firm at \$3.75 to \$4; common cows and canners not wanted and slightly lower. One good load of feeding steers, about 1,000 pounds, sold at \$4.65. Sheep and lambs—Steady and unchanged. Hogs—Selected were quoted at \$6.35 f.o.b., and \$6.70, fed and watered. Calves—Steady and unchanged.

PROVINCIAL POLICE.

An Efficient System to be Adopted by the Government.

A despatch from Toronto says: The "Ontario Provincial Police" will be designed to insure law-obedience and law-enforcement. Its mission will be to establish and maintain Ontario's good name, at home and abroad—to make this Province alike feared by evil-doers and respected by the people at large. It will co-operate in the enforcement of the liquor laws, the stamping out of disorderly houses and petty crime.

No official intimation as to the composition or character of the proposed organization has yet been forthcoming from the Government, but it is learned that the object will probably be a comprehensive and thorough one, and will do much to meet the strenuous public demand for efficient police protection that is at present arising from every part of the Province. For some time past, it is understood, the ministers have been devoting considerable thought and attention to the whole problem of improved police service, and Sir James Whitney, in a recent statement to a visiting deputation, gave public assurance that the subject was engaging the minds of the Government.

A PETERBORO ASSAULT.

Deputy Fire Chief Grainge Very Badly Handled.

A despatch from Peterboro' says: On Saturday night a brutal assault was committed upon Deputy Chief Grainge of the fire brigade. Grainge had reported Firemen Chapman, Hawes and Craig for being late on duty. These men, it is claimed, went out and came back to the fire hall under the influence of liquor during the chief's temporary absence at supper. Grainge was in the chief's office when the men returned, and it is stated they knocked him down and kicked him severely. He escaped into the apparatus hall, where the men are alleged to have followed him, renewing the assault. He was severely mauled, and several of his ribs were broken. When found he was in an unconscious condition. He was removed to his home, and at noon on Sunday was reported to be in a semi-conscious condition. The three men whom the deputy chief reported were arrested on a charge of having committed the assault, and Magistrate Dumble refused bail.

CLOTHING BURNED OFF.

Montreal Lineman in Very Dangerous Position.

A despatch from Montreal says: Victor Legault, lineman of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company, had a narrow escape from death on Friday. While on a pole 65 feet from the ground he touched a live wire carrying 2,000 volts. His clothing became ignited, and he faced death by electricity and fire, and by a plunge to the sidewalk. His companion worked his way up to Legault and extricated him from the wires, and assisted him to the ground. Legault, it was found, had suffered severe burns about the face and neck, while his clothing had been practically burned from his body. His comrade had his hair and moustache singed. After being treated in the Hospital, Legault resumed work on the poles.

A STRATFORD TRAGEDY.

Alex. Sutherland Found Dead on the Street.

A despatch from Stratford says: The body of Alexander Sutherland, of West Zorra, was found at the rear of the residence of A. Guerin, on Brunswick Street, at the east-city limits on Friday morning. According to the story the occupants of the house tell, Sutherland was driven there on Thursday evening, and was put out of the front door. The only mark apparent on the body was an abrasion along the left temple, which may have been caused by a fall, but hardly sufficient to cause death.

BRIDGE AND THE BAILIFF.

The Officer of the Law Makes an Untimely Visit.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: On Thursday afternoon while a bridge party was in progress in the home of a prominent citizen a bailiff came and seized the tables and everything in sight. There was a hurried dispersal of the players and a collection of the stakes.

ANOTHER GREAT QUAKE.

Disturbance Was Somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

A despatch from London says: Prof. Milnes' seismograph recorded a vast earthquake of the greatest intensity at 5.30 p. m. on Friday. He calculates that the disturbance was 5,000 miles distant, apparently somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

TELLER AND \$5,000 MISSING

Clerk in Northern Crown Bank, Saskatoon, Leaves Suddenly

A despatch from Saskatoon says: Frank Lee, teller in the Northern Crown Bank here, is missing, and so is the sum of five thousand dollars of bank funds. Lee left town about ten days ago on pretence of going to see his mother at his home near London, Ont., who was said to be dangerously ill, but an inmate of a house of ill-fame accompanied his investigation of his accounts followed by Inspector Yule of the bank staff, and the shortage was revealed. His misappropriations had been skillfully

concealed, but as he was acting accountant as well as teller this was comparatively easy. There is as yet no trace of his whereabouts. Lee was bonded for the full amount with the Imperial Guarantee Company, and the bank will thus lose nothing.

Detectives are already on his trail. Lee is a young man who had been in the bank's employ for a considerable time, and implicit confidence was placed in him. He had occupied several important positions previously.

THE ANNUITIES ACT.

Provision for Rights of Holders in Case of Marriage.

A despatch from Ottawa says: In the Senate on Thursday afternoon Sir Richard Cartwright moved several amendments to the Annuities Act. One amendment provides that a man and woman, each of whom have taken out annuities, may each continue to have the right to annuity up to \$600 should they marry. Another provision will allow a husband to share his annuity with his wife. Another provision will allow persons having bought annuities in class "B," where payments end with death, to contract himself out of his agreement with the Government and have refunded to him the amount paid in. To Senator Loughheed Sir Richard said the indications were that the public were going to avail themselves largely of the opportunities afforded them by the Annuities Act.

COAL CAUGHT FIRE.

Brantford Child Playing With It Was Fatally Burned.

A despatch from Brantford says: John Flaherty, a 3-year-old son of Alanson Flaherty, received fatal burns from a celluloid comb, which caught on fire while the child was playing with it in the kitchen on Sunday. The infant's face and body were badly burned and it cannot recover.

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are asking power to extend it from Ingersoll to Collingwood.

C. P. R. BUYS BONDS.

President Says Company Had \$5,000,000 to Spare.

A despatch from Montreal says: Sir Thomas Shaughnessy on Wednesday confirmed the rumor that the C. P. R. had been purchasing Dominion debentures. He said the company had some money to spare, and had invested \$5,000,000 in the Dominion three and three-quarter per cent. ten-year debentures, recently issued in London. "We bought these debentures," he said, "because we considered them a good and sound investment."

A TUNNEL AT QUEBEC.

Mr. Armstrong's Scheme to Solve Crossing Question.

A despatch from Montreal says: At Wednesday's meeting of the Board of Trade Council, Mr. J. S. Armstrong of St. John, N. B., presented a scheme which he claims will solve the Quebec bridge question. He proposes a tunnel in the form of an immense steel tube, covered with cement and kept down in place by piers. He states that in a measure it would resemble the tunnel at Port Huron. His plan provides for a tube large enough to give four lines of rails and two driveways for passengers. He estimates that the cost would be less than the bridge, while the results would be far more satisfactory. It would be placed forty feet under water, and would thus be out of the way of the deepest draught vessels. His scheme has aroused a good deal of comment, and will likely be seriously considered.

A NEW CAVALRY REGIMENT IS TO BE ORGANIZED IN BRANT COUNTY.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PROVINCE

The Past Year Was Not So Good for the Province of Ontario.

A despatch from Toronto says:

The Provincial Public Accounts, which were laid on the table at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon, show a decided falling off in the Provincial surplus, which is decreased by about \$600,000. The total expenditure is listed at \$8,557,054.60, while the total receipts amount to \$8,602,902.72, giving a total surplus of \$45,848.12.

The explanation of the decreased surplus is said to be found in the Department of Crown Lands. The past year was a hard one and many settlers were unable to pay their dues through the difficulty experienced in selling their lumber. The money is expected to come in eventually, but it was not desired to sell out many of the new arrivals in the just opened parts of the Province. The total revenue from

the department was \$2,400,420.39.

On the other hand the succession duties have gone very much above the expectation of the Treasurer's Department, showing a total receipt of \$1,134,898.88.

The Provincial indebtedness to the Dominion has been wiped out while the supplementary revenue shows a figure of \$695,492.31. The indirect liability of the Province has been reduced by nearly three millions. Entered on the receipts side of the Public Accounts stands \$1,674,084.05 brought forward from last year. The Dominion subsidies (on population, and others) were \$2,128,772.08.

The mining licenses have netted the Province \$71,721.39. The total amount received in the shape of hunting licenses and penalties for infractions of the game laws was \$28,040.20.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR MALONE

Was Found Guilty of Attempted Murder at Simcoe.

A despatch from Simcoe, Ont., says: Archibald W. Malone, ex-Chief of Police of this town, was sentenced on Wednesday night by Chief Justice Sir William Mulock to imprisonment for life in Kingston Penitentiary, at the conclusion of a trial which lasted thirty hours, spread over three days, in which one of the strangest stories of secret crime ever heard in the annals of Canadian criminology was revealed. The jury brought a verdict of guilty.

The charge was that he had attempted to murder a man named George Tate Blackstock, K. C., Crown Prosecutor, made an address to the jury lasting two and one-half hours, so powerful and so unanswerable that the gloom on the face of the prisoner and his young wife spread over the whole crowded court room. The tension came to an end when, in low tones, his Lordship pronounced sentence. Last December, at the trial for Malone's murder, the crowd then present cheered when the Magistrate ruled against the accused. On Wednesday night only an empty silence possessed the room. Men spoke quietly. With covert movements women placed handkerchiefs to their eyes.

WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE

Austria Likely to Move Against Serbia Within Next Fortnight.

A despatch from London says: The Times of Wednesday morning publishes despatches from Vienna, St. Petersburg and Berlin taking a gloomy view of the Austria-Serbian situation. The Vienna correspondent says preparations for eventual hostilities are naturally being completed in Austria-Hungary. It would, nevertheless, be premature to regard war as certain, and it may be asserted with confidence that the nearer the possibility of an armed conflict appears the greater is the desire in this country that it may be avoided. The Austro-Hungarian military preparations are estimated to be costing \$40,000 a day. This expenditure represents a burden that cannot be borne indefinitely.

The public and the authorities are well aware that war would increase the expenditures ten-fold, but both desire the clearing up of the situation, preferably by amicable arrangements and agreement, failing that, by a passage at arms, which, it is hoped, would open up a prospect of quiet in the future. How far events would bear out the expectation should the conflict come is a question which experience alone could decide. The Times, in a grave leader proposes that as normal diplomatic methods have now broken down, a conference of the powers be summoned.

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Wedding Bells at Wellman's

On the evening of March 11th Chelmsford farm was the scene of a very pleasing event, being the marriage of Mamie E., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Snarr, to Mr. Hugh Morton of Wellman's. At seven o'clock, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Pearl Clancy, the bride and party entered the drawing room and took their places beneath an arch of evergreens and white bells. The bride was given away by her father, and looked very charming in a dress of white point d'esprit over white satin, with the usual veil and orange blossoms. The bridesmaid, Miss B. M. Brown of Peterboro, cousin of the bride, was gracefully gowned in a princess robe of blue silk striped voile. Little Miss Mabel, youngest sister of the bride, made a very dainty little flower girl. Her basket was well filled with calla lilies and smilax. She carried her honors of very well indeed. The bride and bridesmaid each large shower bouquets of bridal roses tied with white satin ribbon. The groom was ably supported by his cousin, Mr. Frank Clancy.

Rev. W. H. Clarke of Stirling, conducted the ceremony, after which the guests, about ninety in number, proceeded to the beautifully decorated dining room and did ample justice to the good things provided for them. A number of toasts were proposed, to which the groom responded in a very able manner.

Later in the evening about a score of uninvited guests put in an appearance and furnished some very discordant music, but after consuming a quantity of cake they, like the Arabs of old, quietly went their way.

The high esteem in which the bride was held was shown by the large number of costly presents which she received. Among them was a very fine combination buffet china cabinet, the gift of the bride's brother. The groom's gift was a beautiful gold watch and chain with their names engraved inside; to the bridesmaid a handsome jewel case; to the flower girl a ring set with rubies and pearls, and to the groomsmen gold cuff links.

The happy couple left the next morning for Oshawa. The bride's going away dress was of brown broadcloth, with hat to match. On their return they will reside at Wellman's. Their many friends wish them every happiness and prosperity in their journey through life.

Death of Mrs. Fred Fletcher

The following is from the Weyburn, Sask., Herald of March 4th:

A very sad event occurred on Saturday last in the demise of Mrs. Fletcher. Mrs. Fletcher had been suffering with illness only a short time, and the physician in charge had assured the household that there was every possibility of a speedy recovery. But from the first of her illness Mrs. Fletcher maintained that she would not get better. Early on Saturday, Feb. 27th, the end came. The deceased was conscious till a few moments before the final departure, and talked with those around her. She leaves, to mourn their loss a loving husband, one son now in young manhood, and one daughter one year old, Blanche Irene. On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28th, the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. R. S. Leslie of Knox Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Fletcher is an adherent. The service was largely attended, many of the older settlers of this new west being present. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher were among the first who came to this part of the west, settling east of the town some three and a half miles in the spring of 1899. Mrs. Fletcher was a young woman, having been born in May 1867, and had hardly attained the age of 42. She was born in Madoc, Ont. In July, 1889 she was married to Mr. Fred Fletcher, and to them were born one son and one daughter, who survive her. Somewhat more than a dozen years ago Mrs. Fletcher openly avowed her faith in Jesus Christ and united with the Brethren, with whom she continued her relationship till the time of her demise. Mr. Fletcher and family in this sad bereavement have the sympathy of the entire community.

Have you a pain of any kind, anywhere? Stop just a minute and think! It matters not whether it be womanly pains, head pains, or any kind of a pain, one of Dr. Snoop's Little Pink Pain Tablets will surely stop it in 20 minutes. Formula plainly printed on the 25c. box. Sold by all dealers.

Norwood's Waterloo

The following account of the hockey match between Stirling and Norwood which was played in Peterboro on Wednesday evening of last week, is from the Evening Examiner of Thursday last:

Before a crowd of six hundred people, the greater part of which came from the two towns represented, Stirling captured the championship of the Trent Valley League by defeating Norwood last night at Brock Street rink by ten goals to three.

The figures indicate clearly the respective merits of the two teams. The red-shirted youths from Stirling were in, around, and all over the green sweatered aggregation from the East Peterboro capital, and the latter never at any stage looked like winners. Stirling had the speed, the stick handling ability, and when you have that you have a pretty good hockey team. After the first fifteen minutes there never was any doubt of the result. Norwood held the ultimate winners safe up to that time, but then Stirling came with a rush that could not be resisted, and before half time they had unrehearsed five goals. Still another was added in the second half before Norwood found the nets, and then the East Peterboro team landed two in a row, and for the first time in the game their rosters began to sit up and take notice. It was but a flash in the pan, however, as Stirling came right back with four more, Norwood getting the last just before time was up.

It was a splendid game, fast all the way, and although the teams bounced at first, they soon got used to the rink, and the play was brilliant throughout. It was not rough at any stage, although in the first few minutes there were several penalties, Norwood being the chief offenders.

The Norwood team was hardly up to last year's City League standard, and were never a factor after the first quarter of an hour. Their defence was weak although they worked hard, and the forward line, although they tried consistently to play combination, found that they could not get away with it, as they lacked Stirling's speed. However, the losers never let up but kept hammering along, even when the tide of battle had turned overwhelmingly against them. Kennedy, Fletcher and Whitty were the stars for Stirling. The sturdy right wing played a beautiful game, getting a number of goals on splendid rushes, followed by a hard fast shot at close range, that Doherty hadn't a chance to stop. He had speed to burn, and showed himself a splendid stickhandler. Fletcher, the diminutive centre man, was another who was always in the limelight. He is a player of the Randall type, who wiggles through and around the defence until he is in a position to shoot advantageously. Whitty's rushes were a feature, and resulted in several goals. On one occasion he got the puck at his own goal and carried it the whole length of the ice for a goal with the assistance of Fletcher.

The players bunched pretty well at the beginning, and it was a difficult matter for either line to get working right. Finally, however, Kennedy got the rubber, and skating round the Norwood defence, carried it right into the nets for the first goal in 15 minutes.

The next goal was one of the most sensational of the night. Whitty got the rubber behind his own goal and carried it to centre where he transferred it to Fletcher, who fooled the defence and passed back to Whitty, who scored on a beautiful shot from close in.

The next one was easy, Saylor bouncing one in on a long lift from his position at cover point.

Grand work by Fletcher was responsible for the next two goals. The little centre man carried the puck from the middle of the rink through the Norwood defence for a score and repeated the performance from the face-off. There was no further scoring until half time.

Kennedy opened the second half with another of his spectacular rushes from centre, completely fooling the defence. Then Norwood let loose a link and Kenny scored twice from pretty shots from close in.

Nothing daunted, Stirling came back harder than ever. Doherty started out on a rush after stopping a shot but was knocked over, and Saylor slammed one into the empty nets.

Fletcher got the next two on individual stunts, and then, McMillan, carrying the puck up the ice from the face off, banged in Stirling's last goal.

Norwood scored their third just before time was up, L. McNichol doing the scoring.

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FLORENCE KINRADE'S STORY

Differs Very Little From That Which She Told the Detectives

Hamilton, March 11.—At the Kinrade murder inquest last night, Florence Kinrade was in the witness box for three hours, and she was closely cross-examined by Mr. Blackstock with regard to the murder of her sister Ethel. The story of her evidence there can be obtained by reference to the reports in comparison with her former stories. Her evidence is also remarkable in regard to the incidents connected with her sojourn in the south, and because at Rochester and Buffalo she claimed to have stayed as a guest at houses the addresses of which and the names of their owners she cannot remember.

THE MYSTERIOUS MISS ELLIOT.

Apparently she was introduced to her career as a soloist by a Miss Elliot, an English woman given to travelling, whose present whereabouts she does not know, and who introduced herself to the girl at the Macnab Church. So far as her connection with Baum, with whom she was associated at a vaudeville theatre in Portsmouth, is concerned, she admitted that he proposed marriage to her, having knowledge of her engagement to Mr. Wright, but she said that she regarded his attentions as a joke.

Both Miss Kinrade and her father, who was on the stand two hours, spoke of the family being scared by mysterious men, supposed tramps, and by an attempt to break into the house. Beyond lapses of memory Miss Kinrade gave her evidence clearly, although evidently under high nervous tension.

SOME SLIGHT DISCREPANCIES

Miss Kinrade said that she attempted to get out of the window of the parlor, but the assassin pulled her back. How it happened that she had previously said she had got out of the window she did not know. Neither could she explain why, when she ran into the back yard, she did not scale the fence, one easy to climb, and get assistance. As to the number of shots the witness was unable to speak definitely. She thought that one was fired while she was upstairs. At least she heard a bang, but did not realize that it was shooting. One shot was fired at herself as she ran out of the front door.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

The silence of the court-room became tense at one point when Mr. Blackstock, after going over Miss Kinrade's story, asked her if she had not at one time told of struggling with the man in the dining-room and there actually seeing her sister, who had come to see what was the matter, shot dead.

"Now, did you tell that?" demanded the lawyer.

There was a long pause before the voice of the slender girl in black answered faintly, "Not that I know of."

"Did you tell that to anyone?" "Not that I remember."

"Tell me this, Miss Kinrade, was Ethel Kinrade, your sister, shot in your sight at the foot of the dining-room stairs?"

The reply came in a weary monotone like a recital of which the speaker is tired: "All I know is, I came in and saw her lying at the foot of the stairs."

DRAMATIC INCIDENT.

At 20 minutes to 2 o'clock, this morning, in answer to a direct question by Mr. Blackstock as to whether she could identify her sister's murderer, Miss Kinrade with a little cry answered: "I don't know his name, but, Oh, I should know him if I saw him," and fainted. Doctors came to her, and on the motion of Mr. Hobson the inquest was adjourned till 7 o'clock

on Thursday evening.

A VERY STARTLING QUESTION. An extract from the evidence of Mr. Kinrade, father of Florence, at the inquest on Wednesday night, given in answer to Mr. Blackstock's questions:

"Is it true that when you came into your front hall that day you said, 'I have expected this would happen for a long time'?"

"No."

"Will you swear you did not use the expression?"

"I can't for sure."

"If you used an expression of that kind you cannot give me any reason for your use of it?"

"There are two reasons I might give if I did say it. In the first place, if I said it was Florence who was killed, there arose an idea that the man who had been following her down south had been crazy enough to try to stop her marrying the young minister by shooting her. Then I thought too, it might have been one of those tramps."

"But you cannot swear positively that you did not make that statement?"

"Well, not for sure."

"ETHEL IS SHOT SIX TIMES."

Hamilton, Mar. 11.—Mrs. Hickey, to whose house Florence ran after the tragedy, testified that Florence's words were: "Ethel is shot; is shot six times." She also said that the girl had on her hat when she arrived.

Dr. McNichol said Florence's story to him, told almost immediately after the tragedy, was that a man forced himself into the house, and threatened her with a pistol. She struggled with him for the weapon, and Ethel, hearing the noise, came downstairs, screamed and was shot.

Inspector McMahon testified that when Mrs. Kinrade came to the station to complain of tramps she was perfectly collected.

Detective Bleakley, who went up to the house when the alarm was given, described the position of the body. There was a chair near the window with a pair of lady's rubbers near it. If Ethel had been shot sitting on the chair her head would probably fall where the pool of blood was on the floor. When Mr. Kinrade arrived he said in excited tones as he passed: "I just expected something like this would happen."

Mrs. Isabel Kinrade, mother of the murdered girl, said that she left the house at 3 o'clock, and did not know that anything had happened until she saw the commotion in front of the house.

Gertrude, the youngest member of the family, and Ernest, the eldest, testified that their sisters never quarreled. Neither ever saw or heard of firearms in the house, or heard of Florence bringing a revolver with her from the South.

FLORENCE KINRADE FAINTED

Hamilton, March 12.—"If there was no man there, then only you two girls would be left. That will do, Miss Kinrade."

Such was the sentence with which Mr. George Tate Blackstock, K.C., closed his second examination of Florence Kinrade in the inquiry as to the cause of the death of her sister Ethel under circumstances which make it stand out with ghastly prominence in the criminal annals of Canada. The girl, who had been subjected to one of the most trying ordeals that ever a girl passed through, leaned back in her chair in the witness box with white, drawn face and drooping eyelids, and one tensely stretched hand clasping the rail in front of her. Throughout the court, not so crowded as on previous occasions, went a deep sigh as the hearers appreciated the meaning of Mr. Blackstock's last remark.

CARRIED FROM THE COURT.

Then the slight, black-clothed

figure collapsed, and the constable in attendance called for Nurse Walker to come to her patient's assistance. Apparently she had collapsed utterly. Outside in the hall the nurse, who had been pacing the hall with anxious steps and bated breath as the ordeal within the closed doors went on hour after hour, was heard to say, "They will kill her." Her anxiety for her charge was marked on her face as she hurried into the court, and no less disturbed was Mr. Clair Montrose Wright, Miss Kinrade's fiancé, who came in with the nurse. Dr. Bruce Smith and Dr. Clarke, who had been intently watching the case, hurried to the girl's assistance.

"I SEE THAT MAN; HE WILL CHOKE ME!"

Tenderly she was lifted from the stand, and was being carried from the court where with one black-gloved hand hung out, as if to ward off some approaching peril, she shrieked: "I see that man, I see that man; he will choke me; he will shoot me," and shriek after shriek rang through the building.

STORIES REGARDING REVOLVERS.

Two facts stood out in the evidence. The first was the statement by Earl Kinrade that he understood that his sister had practised with a revolver. It was, he said, common talk among the family. The second was that Florence Kinrade denied emphatically that she had ever handled firearms.

Apart from these facts the evidence was also noticeable for the new elements introduced into her story, and that persons in the neighborhood heard nothing of the shooting at the time it is supposed to have occurred.

Subsequently the inquest was adjourned until a week from tonight, when the medical evidence will be taken and the inquiry closed.

POLICE STILL SEARCHING

Hamilton, March 15.—While it is reported that the detectives have discovered new and important evidence in reference to the Kinrade case, the local authorities say that there is nothing in it, and that no developments are expected before the adjourned inquest on Friday night. C. Montrose Wright is likely to be called as a witness to clear up the point touched on by Mr. Blackstock when he was examining Miss Kinrade, as to whether or not the matter was discussed by members of the family before the inquest.

TO OPEN THE SEWER.

Detectives are continuing their search for the revolver with which Ethel Kinrade was killed. This afternoon they got permission to have the sewer opened, it being suspected that it was thrown down the closet. It is felt that if the revolver was found it would give the detectives something more definite to work on than they have at present.

Many witnesses remain to be examined, and Mr. Blackstock has intimated that the inquest will be concluded on Friday night, it is likely that an all-night session will be held.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

Another Accident on the National Railway.

A despatch from Quebec says: Five men met death and a sixth had a narrow escape for his life in an accident which took place in a construction camp about twenty miles north of La Tuque, on Monday. From the meagre details at present to hand it seems that the six men were at work in a cut on the Transcontinental when a cave-in occurred, burying the unfortunate men. One man was extricated alive, but the rescue of the other five was not accomplished before life was extinct.

FELL DOWN CELLAR STAIRS.

George Platt Accidentally Killed in a Galt Tinshop.

A despatch from Galt says: George Platt, Kerr street, about 60 years of age, was killed on Monday afternoon by falling down the stairs of Hamill & Moore's tinshop, Main street. He was a well-known resident in Galt and leaves a grown-up family. He was removed to the hospital, but died within fifteen minutes. His skull was fractured.

DANGER OF WAR ACUTE.

Relations Between Austria and Servia Strained.

A despatch from Berlin says: The private advices received here from Vienna represent the situation between Austria and Servia as one of extreme gravity. It is said in authoritative quarters that Austria will send within a few days an ultimatum to Belgrade, fixing a very short period for the answer to her representations. If the answer is unsatisfactory, it is declared, war is inevitable, and day break out by the end of the week.

King Alfonso and his Queen are holidaying in Andalusia.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Mar. 16.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents \$4.10 to \$4.15 in buyers' sacks outside for export. Manitoba flour; first patents, \$5.70 to \$5.90 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.20 to \$5.40, and strong bakers', \$5 to \$5.20.

Wheat—Manitoba wheat, \$1.20 for No. 1 Northern, and \$1.17 for No. 2 Northern, Georgian Bay ports. No. 1 Northern, \$1.24, all rail, and No. 2 Northern, \$1.21 all rail.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 48¢ on track, Toronto; No. 2 Western Canada oats, 48¢. Collingwood, and No. 3 at 46¢ to 47¢ Collingwood.

Peas—No. 2 92¢ outside. Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 74¢ to 74½¢ on track, Toronto, and No. 2 yellow at 73 to 73½¢, Toronto. Canadian corn, 72 to 73¢ on track, Toronto.

Bran—Cass, \$23 in bulk outside. Shorts, \$23 to \$23.50 in bulk outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$4.50 to \$5.50 for choice qualities, and \$3.50 to \$4 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, \$1.90 to \$2, and handpicked, \$2.10 to \$2.15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10¢ to 11¢ per pound.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$10.75 to \$11.35 per ton on track here, and lower grades, \$9 to \$10 a ton.

Straw—\$7 to \$7.50 on track.

Potatoes—60 to 65¢ per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 12 to 14¢ per pound; fowl, 10 to 11¢; turkeys, 17 to 18¢ per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 20 to 21¢; tubs and large rolls, 18 to 20¢; inferior, 15 to 17¢; creamery rolls, 25 to 26¢, and solids, 22 to 23¢.

Eggs—Case lots of new laid, 24 to 25¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, 13½¢ per pound, and twins, 14¢.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11½ to 12¢ per pound in case lots; mess pork, \$80 to \$90.50; short cut, \$93 to \$94.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 14½¢; do, heavy, 13 to 13½¢; rolls, 10½ to 11¢; shoulders, 10½¢; backs, 16 to 16½¢; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16¢.

Lard—Tierces, 12½¢; tubs, 13¢; pails, 13½¢.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 16.—Peas—No. 2, 98½ to 99¢. Oats—Canadian Western No. 2, 51 to 51½¢; extra No. 1 feed, 50½ to 51¢; No. 1 feed, 50 to 50½¢; Ontario No. 2, 50 to 50½¢; Ontario No. 3, 49 to 49½¢; Ontario No. 4, 48 to 48½¢. Barley—No. 2, 63½ to 65¢; Manitoba feed, 55 to 55½¢. Buckwheat—55½ to 56¢. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.50 to \$6; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.30 to \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers, \$5.10 to \$5.30; Winter wheat patents, \$5.40 to \$5.50; straight rollers in bags, \$2.50 to \$2.55; extra in bags, \$2.55 to \$2.65. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$22; Manitoba shorts, \$24; Ontario bran, \$23 to \$24; Ontario shorts, \$24.50 to \$25; Ontario middlings, \$25 to \$25.50; pure grain mouille, \$23 to \$25; mixed mouille, \$23 to \$25. Cheese—Finest western, 13 to 13½¢; easterns, 12½ to 12¾¢. Butter—Fall creamery, 21¢; Western creamery, 20¢. Eggs—The demand continues good, and the undertone to the market is stronger, with sales at 25 to 30¢ per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, March 16.—Wheat—Steady; No. 1 Northern, \$1.16½ to \$1.17; No. 2 Northern, \$1.14½ to \$1.15; July, \$1.05 asked. Rye—No. 1, 78½ to 80¢. Corn—May, 68¢ bid. Barley—Standard, 67¢; sample, 64½ to 67¢; No. 3, 65 to 66¢; No. 4, 64½ to 66¢.

Minneapolis, March 16.—Wheat—May, \$1.11½; July, \$1.12½; cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.14½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.13½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.11½ to \$1.11½; No. 3 Northern, \$1.07½ to \$1.09½. Bran—In bulk, \$23 to \$23.50. Flour—First patents, \$5.55 to \$5.65; second patents, \$5.45 to \$5.55; first clears, \$4.40 to \$4.50; second clears, \$3.15 to \$3.25.

Duluth, March 16.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.11; No. 1 Northern, \$1.13; No. 2 Northern, \$1.11; May, \$1.12; July, \$1.12½; Sept., \$1.14.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Mar. 16.—Choice exporters' sold at \$5.50; medium quality at \$5 to \$5.25; the best picked butchers' at \$5.5; several straight loads, however, went at \$4.80. The demand for good stockers and feeders continues, and dealers had no difficulty in disposing of the small number offering at satisfactory prices. There were a number of young lambs on sale. These and sheep were in fair demand at last week's quotations. Calves were firm and unchanged. Hogs—Select at \$6.90 f.o.b. and \$7.15 fed and watered.

FOUR NEW DREADNOUGHTS

Are Provided For in Great Britain's Naval Programme.

A despatch from London says: The eagerly awaited British naval estimates, about which there has been so much controversy inside and outside the Cabinet, were issued on Friday evening. A compromise won the day, for the estimates provide for a total expenditure of \$175,713,500, an increase of \$14,116,000 over the estimates of 1904-1905.

The new building programme provides for four Dreadnoughts, six protected cruisers, twenty torpedo-boat destroyers and a number of sub-marines, the latter to cost \$5,000,000.

The Government may in the course of the financial year find it necessary to make preparations for the rapid construction of four more large armored ships to be commenced on April 1, 1910. The Government, therefore, asks Parliament

for powers to enable them to be prepared to lay down on April 1, 1910, additional ships which can be completed in March, 1912.

An interesting point in the estimates is that the Admiralty has under consideration the use of dirigible airships for naval purposes and has decided to carry out experiments and construct an aerial vessel.

Under Mr. McKenna's programme Great Britain should have by the end of 1911 fourteen vessels of the Dreadnought type, against thirteen to be then completed by Germany.

Mr. McKenna intimated that a bill would shortly be introduced to sanction the arrangement by which the Canadian Government had undertaken to maintain for the Imperial navy, naval establishments at Halifax and Esquimaux.

ROBBING THE I. C. R.

System of Frauds Alleged Against Officials.

A despatch from Montreal says: What is said to be a series of frauds against the Government has been brought to light, and several of the higher officials of the I. C. R. in this city and Moncton are implicated. The frauds consist in false weighing at several points along the system, and have caused heavy losses to the road. It is stated here that a complete investigation has been ordered and suspensions and arrests will follow as a result. The false billing of lumber between here and Point Levis was the cause of the discovery. Two cars loaded with lumber for Nicolet were inspected by a high official, who found them to be sixty thousand pounds over the weight paid for. Other reports of a like nature have been received and a general clean-up of the system will likely take place.

FARMER SAVED A TRAIN.

Flagged the G. T. R. Express This Side of Sarnia.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: The G. T. R. passenger train due here at 1.10 p.m., on Friday from Sarnia was doubtless saved from being ditched two miles east of Sarnia by a farmer's presence of mind. The farmer (whose name could not be learned) discovered a broken rail near Perch Creek bridge, and standing on the tracks flagged the train, which was coming at a good rate of speed. The train was stopped in time by Engineer Thomas Bruce, and the crew, including Fireman Pook and Conductor Douglas, temporarily repaired the track, so that the express could proceed, then a man was placed to guard the break and the section gang notified.

PARRY SOUND SUICIDE.

J. Frank Mosley Shoots Himself With a Gun.

A despatch from Parry Sound says: Mr. J. Frank Mosley, one of the oldest and most respectable citizens, killed himself with a shotgun. The deceased was about his ordinary duties on Saturday morning, but about 9 o'clock he took an odd shotgun, loaded it, went to the telephone, placed the gun to his breast, and shot himself through the heart, dying almost immediately.

Winnipeg Street Railway men will ask for a nine-hour day at the present rate of pay.

The Patriotic Fund Association has made an additional grant of \$4,000 to Trooper Mulloy.

Mr. Donald Sutherland, ex-M.P., has been appointed head of the Provincial Colonization Bureau.

Provision for a new Central Prison will be made during the present session of the Ontario Legislature.

M. Cailloux, the French Minister of Finance, is expected to resign as the result of a quarrel with the Minister of Marine on the question of naval appropriations.

FASTER TIME ON C. P. R.

A Seventy-two-hour Service for Transcontinental Trains.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The dream of the C. P. R. operating officials is about to be realized in a seventy-two-hour service for transcontinental passenger trains. This was reported unofficially on Thursday after the conclusion of a conference between the leading western officers of the company. To do this it will be necessary to maintain a schedule of forty miles per hour. Whether this is possible remains to be seen, but it is certain that the running time will be greatly reduced.

RUSH OF IMMIGRATION.

Settlers From the Western States are Pouring In.

A despatch from North Portal, Sask., says: The big rush of settlers from the United States bound for points in Alberta and Saskatchewan is now on in earnest. On Wednesday twenty carloads of settlers' effects passed through on the Soo line, and on Thursday forty others came in. All the passenger trains are crowded with settlers. Indications point to a very heavy immigration from the western States to the Canadian west.

SEALERS WITH WIRELESS.

Newfoundland Fleet Equipped With Up-to-date Apparatus.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says: Equipped with a wireless telegraph outfit and manned by 1,000 men, the Newfoundland sealing fleet of twenty-three steamers, sailed on Wednesday on its annual cruise among the dangerous ice floes of the North Atlantic. It is expected that much of the anxiety of past years will be absent this year, as almost daily reports from the sealers are anticipated.

BOY SAVED BY "X"-RAYS.

Safety Pin Was Located in London Child's Throat.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: "X"-rays saved the life of the four-year-old son of Oliver Keays, when the child swallowed a safety pin on Wednesday morning. It was hurried to the hospital and an examination made, which revealed the pin fast in the throat. An incision was made and the object removed.

THE FINANCES OF CANADA

The Revenue For February About Equals Last Year's.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The financial statement of the Dominion for the month of February indicates that the difficulties which the Finance Minister has had to meet during the past year or so in respect to falling revenues are now increasing expenditures are now practically at an end. The total revenue for the month was \$6,577,927, as compared with \$6,577,927 for February of last year. Expenditure on consolidated fund account was \$3,936,626, a decrease of \$424,192, and on capital account, \$22,486,553, a decrease of \$1,030,435.

The net debt of the Dominion decreased by \$171,237. During the

month the customs revenue increased by \$41,000, and the miscellaneous revenue by \$123,140. The excise revenue decreased \$123,239.

For the eleven months of current fiscal year the entries up to the last day of February on the books of the Finance Department show a total revenue of \$75,504,825, a decrease of \$12,990,477, as compared with the corresponding period of 1907-08. The expenditure on consolidated fund account totalled \$67,004,482, an increase of \$6,284,490. On capital account the expenditure for the eleven months was \$39,302,102, as compared with \$35,708,458 in 1907-8. The total net debt of the Dominion on Feb. 27 was \$305,004,759.

GREAT RUSH TO THE WEST

The Authorities at Winnipeg Are Preparing for a Busy Season.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The immigration authorities are preparing for one of the greatest seasons in the history of western settlement. Discussing the prospects on Wednesday, Commissioner Walker said:

"Judging from the thousands of inquiries which we have received at the Winnipeg offices and the reports which we have received from agents in the United States, Great Britain and the continent of Europe, I have no hesitation in saying that the year 1909 will show a very great increase over any preceding year. Of course, in the year 1908 the Government of Canada adopted stringent measures to check immigration. The result of

this action on the part of the Government was that there was a considerable reduction in immigration from Great Britain during the last fiscal year, and from all causes there was a decrease in that year amounting to 48 per cent., as compared with the previous fiscal year. Of this restrictive policy we have already felt the benefit. There were in the city fewer unemployed men than there were in previous years, and much fewer than there would have been had we permitted an extra fifty thousand very poor Europeans to be sent into the country during that year. We have also had during the past winter a very great reduction in the number of needy people coming to Immigration Hall for food."

King Alfonso and his Queen are holidaying in Andalusia.

THE REMINDERS OF RHEUMATISM

Cold, Wet Weather Starts the Pain But the Trouble is in the Blood.

Cold, damp weather brings on aches and pains of rheumatism, but is not the real cause of complaint. The trouble is rooted in the blood, and can only be cured by enriching the blood and removing the poisonous acid out of the system. This is a great medical truth, which every rheumatic sufferer should realize. Liniments and outward applications can't cure the trouble—they can't reach the blood. The sufferer is only wasting valuable time and good money in experimenting with this sort of treatment—and all the time the trouble is becoming more firmly rooted, harder to cure. There is just one sure way to cure rheumatism—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They act directly on the impure, weak blood. They purify and strengthen it, and so root out the cause of rheumatism.

Mrs. S. Bailey, Newcastle Creek, N.B., says: "In the summer of 1906 I became lame in my ankles, but thinking I would soon get over the attack I did not seek medical aid, but used liniments to allay the pain and swelling. Instead of getting better the trouble increased and I then consulted a doctor who pronounced it articular rheumatism, and treated me for this trouble. Instead of getting better the pain and the swelling became worse until I was hardly able to hobble about the house. On rising in the morning I was unable to bear my weight, except with extreme pain. Having tried so much medicine without benefit I began to think I was doomed to be a cripple. One day a cousin advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She said, 'I take them every spring as a tonic for my blood, and they make a new person of me.' After some persuasion I decided to try them. I had taken three or four boxes before I noticed any change, and then it seemed my ankles were less painful. By the time I had used a few more boxes there was a wonderful improvement in my condition. Not only did my ankles get well, but I felt like a different woman and had not been as well in years. In speaking of this to a doctor afterward he said that no doubt Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had enriched the blood thus driving out the painful disease."

Not only rheumatic sufferers, but all who have any trouble due to weak, watery blood or impure blood can find a cure through the fair use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

THE ENGLISH COMPLEXION.

The Despair of the Smart Ladies in Paris.

Outdoor exercise and the "simple life" are for the moment the fad of the fashionable Parisienne. A leading French actress when recently in London so greatly admired the complexions of the Englishwomen she saw that she and a number of her friends determined to cultivate, by means of walking and plain living, "English complexions."

The experiment is declared to have had wonderful effects, and now every fine morning one may see quite a number of ladies, both of the theatrical and social worlds, indulging in "footing" round the lakes in the Bois de Boulogne. Some of the more athletic have adopted a practical costume resembling that worn by lady mountaineers. Stout, square-toed boots are considered necessary for "footing," and veils are discarded.

Together with the morning walk, the morning cold "tub" is an English custom more and more widely practised. If it rains, seekers after a "British complexion" indulge in gymnastics at home. The devotees of the new fad dispense with the now more than ever fashionable corset during their morning exercise.

DOES NOT NEED A DOCTOR

Mrs. F. Forier, Valleyfield, Que., says: "I always use Baby's Own Tablets for my little one, and therefore never need a doctor. When my baby is feverish or restless I give her a Tablet and in a couple of hours she is all right. They have been of the greatest benefit to her when teething, and are just the thing in all emergencies. These Tablets promptly cure colic, indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, destroy worms, break up colds, and make teething easy. Good for children of all ages. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

SET A VITROL TRAP.

French Pair's Cruel Scheme to Catch a Thief.

Owing to the shortcomings of French servants, numerous families in Paris are giving up housekeeping and adopting the plan of taking apartments in residential hotels.

Conflicts between servants and their mistresses make ever-increasing demands on the time of the Judges of the Civil and Criminal Courts in Paris.

A few days ago a man and his wife living in the Rue de la Grosse Horloge, in Rouen, suspecting their domestic of dishonesty, laid an abominable trap. In a metal cabinet they placed a shallow vessel containing vitrol. They then fixed a spiral spring inside the box and locked it. Next morning the servant, seeing no one about, opened the box with a duplicate key. The lid sprang open and she was cruelly burned by the vitrol.

Her employers had her arrested, and in her room the police found over \$70 in cash, a superb pair of earrings, a gold watch and chain, and a handsome necklace. The jewellery is supposed to have been stolen from previous employers.

SUDAN ARABS' DUELS.

Pastoral Life Doesn't Always Lead to Peace and Quiet.

The country to the southeast of Tekar is the home of the Hasas; the Hadendos occupy the khors to the southwest. Both of these are black Arabs, speaking different languages.

The Hasas live almost entirely on sour milk, while the Hadendos are agricultural as well as pastoral. Their dokhn and durra, milletlike grains, were ripening in February and being protected from countless swarms of small birds by men who stood on elevated platforms, from which they cracked loudly twenty fives long.

The dress of these Arabs is a cotton sheet held in by a belt in which they carry crooked knives. For other weapons they use sticks, spears and swords. Firearms are prohibited. Judging by the many scars borne by the men the pastoral life is by no means so peaceful as the poets would lead us to think. Many of the scars come from duels, in which the men stand face to face and cut each other alternately in the back till one cries "Enough!"

CONSERVATIVE PROGRESS

Annual Report of the Excelsior Insurance Company.

The annual statement of the Excelsior Life Insurance Company, which is published in this paper, shows this young Canadian Company to be in an exceptionally strong position at the close of the year's business. The management of the Company is to be heartily congratulated on the progress made in the past year and the growth and splendid standing of the Company maintains its previous praiseworthy traditions.

It is a very noteworthy fact that the death rate in the past year was 44 per cent. less than expected, and 9 per cent. less than the previous year, which shows very careful selection of risks. Expenses have also decreased 6½ per cent., illustrating watchful management. The increase of insurance in force amounting to 10 per cent., and the addition of 16 per cent. to assets and 17 per cent. to income undoubtedly show a most commendable activity coupled with a wise conservatism.

People who are too old to learn have outlived their usefulness.

Repeat it: "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

We have our opportunities, but most of us manage to dodge them.

Re substitute for "The D & T" Menthol Plaster, although some unscrupulous dealers may say there is. Recommended by doctors, hospitals, clergy and everybody for pleurisy, stiffness, etc.

Some people make a specialty of killing time for others.

The never failing medicine, Holway's Corn Cure, removes all kinds of corns, warts, etc.; even the most difficult to remove cannot withstand this wonderful remedy.

"BY ALL MEANS!" SAID PAPA. "Yes, sir," said the pale, youthful suitor; "I have come to ask you for your daughter's hand. She is fair as lilies, sweet as honey-suckle, tender as a violet, charming."

"Is that Mary you are talking about?" asked papa. "Yes, sir. It is a more formality, I know, this asking for your daughter's hand; but we thought it would be pleasing to you if it were observed."

Mary's papa stiffened. "And may I inquire," he asked, "who suggested that asking my consent to Mary's marriage was a mere formality?"

"You may, sir," replied the young man, simply. "It was Mary's mother."

Your orthography is twisted, Alonzo. A woman is not a padded cell.

Need no Longer Fear the Knife

Gravel Easily and Naturally Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Joseph Pelrine who Suffered the Tortures of this Terrible Complaint for Nine Months Tells how the old Reliable Kidney Remedy Cured Him.

Port Felix East, Guysboro Co., N.S., March 22 (Special).—That you need no longer fear the knife if troubled with gravel or other urinary troubles is the glad news that Joseph Pelrine, a well-known young fisherman here is telling his friends.

"I suffered intense pain from gravel and other urinary troubles for nine months," Mr. Pelrine says. "But seven boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me completely. I heartily recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to anyone who is suffering from gravel or urinary troubles."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure gravel by curing the kidneys. The urinary organs are entirely dependent on the kidneys. If the kidneys are not in good working order they cannot filter out the uric acid and it combines with other products of the body and causes gravel. Healthy kidneys dissolve the stones and they pass off in the urine. That's why Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure gravel.

"Your dead husband wor a good man," declared the sympathetic Mrs. Casey to the bereaved widow. "He wor!" exclaimed Mrs. Murphy, dashing the tears from her eyes. "No two policemen cud handle him."

Repeat it: "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

"And now that you are of age," said the anxious father, "I want to give you a few pointers on how to keep money." "Say, dad," rejoined the son of his father, "hadn't you better begin by giving me a few pointers on how to get it?"

Pills That Have Benefitted Thousands.—Known far and near as a sure remedy in the treatment of indigestion and all derangements of the stomach, liver and kidneys, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills have brought relief to thousands when other specifics have failed. Innumerable testimonials can be produced to establish the truth of this assertion. Once tried they will be found superior to all other pills in the treatment of the ailments for which they are prescribed.

Lady—"Do you know where Johnny Tucker lives, my little boy?" Little Boy—"He ain't home, but if you give me a penny I'll find him for you." Lady—"All right. Now, where is he?" Little Boy—"Thanks. I'm him."

Repeat it: "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

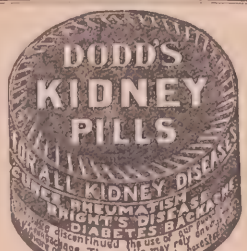
Run over the list of your friends and you will be surprised at the number you could dispense with.

A nagging cough drives sleep and comfort away. You can conquer it with Allen's Lung Balm, which relieves hard breathing, pain in the chest and irritation of the throat. Give it freely to the children.

The successful man is the first to recognize his own mistakes.

A Pill That is Priced.—There have been many pills put upon the market and pressed upon public attention, but none has endured so long or met with so much favor as Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Widespread use of them has attested their great value, and they need no further advertisement than this. Having firmly established themselves in public esteem, they now rank without a peer in the list of standard vegetable preparations.

The Jew is not more particular about the preparation of his food than the high-caste Indian. In September last, his Highness Shree Jung, Prime Minister of Nepal, came to England, and two cows had to be procured from a farm, and milked by a member of the prince's own suite, before their master could enjoy a meal.



COMING DOWN.

Mrs. Parvenu—"Oh, yes—we can trace our ancestry back—to—well, I don't know who, but we've been descending centuries."

Repeat it: "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

"What a grasping fellow you are, Hawkins! You've bothered me about this bill fifty times in ten days." "You wrong me, Jarley. I'm not grasping. I've bothered you about the bill, I admit, but I haven't been able to grasp anything yet."

If a cough makes your nights sleepless and weary, it will worry you a good deal, and with good cause. To dispel the worry and give yourself rest try Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It exerts a soothing influence on the air passages and allays the irritation that leads to inflammation. It will subdue the most stubborn cough or cold, and eventually eradicate it from the system, as a trial of it will prove to you.

Mrs. Gramercy—"What do we need for dinner?" Bridget—"Shure mum, I tripped over the rug an' we need a new set of dishes."

Children Will Go Sleighbells. They come home covered with snow. Half a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer in hot water will prevent any ill effects. Avoid substitutes, there is but one "Pain-Killer"—Perry Davis—25c. and 50c.

Many a man who knows what not to say hasn't sense enough not to say it.

Repeat it: "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

EASY.

Mrs. Flynn—"An' phat's yer son Moike doin' now, Mrs. Casey?"

Mrs. Casey—"Shure, Moike ain't doin' anything, Mrs. Flynn. He's got a Government job!"

A Woman's Sympathy

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden? I know what these mean to delicate women—I have been discouraged, too, but learned how to cure myself. I want to relieve your burdens. Why not and the pain and stop the doctor's bill? I can do this for you and will if you assist me. All you need do is to write for a free box of the remedy which has been placed in my hands to be given away. Perhaps this one box will cure you—it has done so for others. If so, I shall be happy and you will be cured for the cost of a postage stamp. Your letters held confidentially. Write to-day for my free treatment. MRS. F. E. CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

"The house that you finished a few weeks ago is the biggest of the lot," said the real-estate agent. "Perhaps that's why it's so hard to find a tenant." "Yes," answered the builder; "it's last but not leased."

Its Power Grows with Age.—How many medicines loudly blazoned as panaceas for all human ills have come and gone since Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was first put upon the market? Yet it remains, doing more good to humanity than many a preparation more highly vaunted and extending its virtues wider and wider and in larger circle every year. It is the medicine of the masses.

The fellow who begs a girl for a lock of her hair doesn't necessarily turn thief just because he picks a lock.

There is No Such Thing as a harmless cough. The trouble goes from bad to worse unless checked at Allen's Lung Balm cures the worst of colds. It allays inflammation and clears the air passages.

Brown—"I hear you are the happy father of twins?" Jones—"You are mistaken. I am the father of twins."

Repeat it: "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

Even the people who want the earth may be weighed and found wanting.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator does not require the help of any purgative medicine to complete the cure. Give it a trial and be convinced.

THE UNKINDEST CUT.

The German Emperor Must Now Pay an Income Tax.

By a vote of fourteen to thirteen, the Finance Bill Commission of the Reichstag has decided to abrogate the privilege of exemption from taxation hitherto enjoyed by the Kaiser and members of other German reigning houses.

These august personages, provided the Reichstag confirms the commission's action, will henceforth be obliged to pay exactly the same direct taxes as are collected from private citizens, including the income tax, inheritance duties, real estate imposts and taxes on income-producing property. Herr Sydow, Imperial Secretary to the Treasury, pleaded in vain that exemption from taxes was an historical privilege of crowned heads, and also that the constitution made it optional for royal persons to avail themselves of exemption. The argument that the civil lists, which would be taxable under the new conditions, are freely used for public purposes also carried no conviction with the majority, which consisted of Radicals, Socialists, National-Liberals, Poles and Catholics.

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Departing Guest—"We've had a simply delightful time!" Hostess—"I'm so glad. At the same time, I regret that the rain kept all our best people away."

A War Correspondent's Exciting Adventures

WHAT HE OWES TO ZAM-BUK.

Mr. Frank Scudamore, the great war correspondent, who sent many of the Canadian despatches during the late Boer War, owes his health to ZAM-BUK. He has passed unscathed through 29 battles, but a scratch which started to blood-poisoning nearly ended his days. ZAM-BUK saved him and he writes as follows:—

"I have proved ZAM-BUK such a blessing that I want others to know of its merits. The poisonous dye in some underclothing I was wearing got into a scratch I had sustained and blood-poisoning set in. Inflammation was followed by great pain and swelling, and then ulcers broke out on my legs. For some time I could not walk a few steps nor even put my foot to the ground. On my left leg below the knee I had seventeen ulcers which caused holes, into which I could put my thumb. On the right leg I had fourteen ulcers. Medical treatment failed to relieve, homely remedies were applied in vain. Week followed week and I gradually got worse, until I was worn out with pain and lack of sleep. On the advice of a friend I obtained some ZAM-BUK and left off everything else while I tried it. It seemed to give me almost instant relief from the pain, and in a few days I noticed that it was healing some of the ulcers. This was cheering indeed, and gladly I persevered with the ZAM-BUK treatment. Bit by bit the poisonous matter was drawn out. The ulcers were healed, and new healthy skin grew over the previously diseased places. I am now quite cured, and in gratitude, I mention these facts that other sufferers from skin disease may know of something which will cure them."

Zam-Buk differs entirely from all skin treatments and ointments, as the above facts clearly prove. For all skin diseases, ulcers, abscesses, scaly sores, ringworm, chertons, etc., use ZAM-BUK. It is a sure cure. It also cures cuts, burns, bruises, etc. If it is a sure cure. It also cures eczema, itch, piles, blood-poisoning, face-blemishes, barber's rash, etc., cold sores, chapped hands, and frost bites. Lubbed with ZAM-BUK, the face is protected from sunburn, windburn, and into the parts affected. It cures rheumatism, neuralgia, and all diseases, and stores well at 50c a box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price 8 boxes for \$7.50.

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PERSONALS.
Miss Della Bull returned on Wednesday
to Little Current, Manitoulin.
Mrs. C. D. Black and little son of Nap-
ance are guests at Mrs. J. S. Black's.
Colonel Ponton and son were the guests
of Mrs. Halliwell on Monday and Tuesday.
Thos. Montgomery, Thos. H. Matthews,
and E. A. Morrow went to Napanee on
Tuesday to attend the Provincial Grand
Lodge of Ontario East.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Lanktree left on Mon-
day morning for their new home in the
West. They will spend a few days in
Chicago and Winnipeg en route.

In Memoriam

To Mr. JOHN TANNER and FAMILY.
The members of L. O. L. No. 509 wish
to convey to you an expression of their
sympathy for the loss sustained by your
family and in the death of the late
Mrs. Tanner. Perhaps in all the
wealth and beauty of expression with
which our English language abounds
there is no single word or phrase so
vividly descriptive as the simple word
"Death." It tells us that another
human soul has passed from earth to
Eternity; that a life's work has been
completed and ended; that the inexor-
able law of all nature has been ful-
filled; and that the Creator has demand-
ed that which he gave. Death brings
grief to every home, but sorrow is most
keenly felt in the home which is at
once bereft of both wife and mother.
It seems to be the one human life
around which the ideals of all human-
ity are centred, the inspiration of all
that is truest and best in mankind, and
the most potent factor in determining
the character of the whole family circle,
and while grief may reign supreme in
your mind let us ask you to remember
that there should never be regret. Re-
member that for her pain and sickness
was only the darkness which preceded
the glory of the dawn.

It seemed to the writer that our clergy-
man, knowing her daily life intimately
had almost a ring of triumph in his
voice when he met the body at the
church door with the beautiful words
of the burial service of the Anglican
church on his lips: "I am the resurrec-
tion and the life," said the Lord; "he
that believeth in me, though he were
dead, yet shall he live; and whoso-
ever liveth and believeth in me shall
never die."

Remember that to her God's will was
always supreme; that she had lived the
words of the Psalmist: "In the volume
of the Book it is written of me, that I
should fulfil thy will, O my God; I am
content to do it; yea thy law is within
my heart."

Remember that God lives, and to her
death is gain.

THE usual spring rush of immigrants
from the western states into Alberta
and Saskatchewan has begun.

A falling fly nerve—no larger than the
finest silk thread—takes from the heart
its impulse, its power, its regularity. The
Stomach also has its hidden, or inside
nerve. It was Dr. Shoop who first told us
it was wrong to drag a weak or falling
Stomach, Heart or Kidneys. His prescrip-
tion—Dr. Shoop's Restorative—is directed
straight for the cause of these ailments—
these weak and faltering inside nerves.
This, no doubt, clearly explains why the
Restorative has of late grown so rapidly
in popularity. Druggists say that those
who test the Restorative even for a few
days soon become fully convinced of its
wonderful merit. Anyway, don't drag the
organ. Treating the cause of sickness is
the only sensible and successful way. Sold
by all dealers.

ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local column will be charged as follows:
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and un-
der, 35 cents each insertion; over three lines,
per line. Matter not in larger than the ordi-
nary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Train called at Stirling station as follows:
GOING WEST. Mail & Ex. 6:30 a.m. Passenger, 10:30 a.m.
Passenger, 3:45 p.m. Mail & Ex. 5:45 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1909.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Some correspondence is unavoidably
crowded out of this issue.

A number of Royal Arch Masons
went to Campbellford last evening to
assist in installing a chapter in that
place.

A number of new awnings have been
put up on Mill street during the past
few days to replace those destroyed by
fire last summer.

Buy your Easter Suit at Ward's.

Miss Grace Murdoch of Toronto has
been engaged as teacher for the second
department of the Public School, and
will commence her duties after the
Easter holidays.

Harry F. Graine, of this village, is
one of the best players in the Colborne
hockey team, and won honors in a
recent match between Colborne and
Cobourg Collegiate teams.

What about that hat? Look it up at
Fred Ward's.

It is expected that the pulpit of St.
Andrew's church will be occupied by
the Rev. Mr. Byers during the pastor's
absence. Next Sunday is the last day
Mr. Robinson expects to preach in Stirling
until the end of May.

Messrs. Wm. Mackintosh of Madoc,
and J. C. Morgan of Belleville will give
addresses on the subject of Education
in the Opera House this evening. These
addresses will no doubt be interesting to
all. No charge for admission.

MRS. MARTIN announces her Spring
Millinery Opening on March 25th and 26th.
Ladies cordially invited.

Rev. B. Greatrix of Halloway St.
church, Belleville, will preach in the
Methodist church on Sunday next.
Sermons in behalf of the Educational
Fund. Rev. H. L. Phelps will take the
services in Halloway St. church on the
same day.

Members of the Horticultural Society
who have not yet received their seeds
may get them at J. S. Morton's drug
store. Those who have not paid their
annual fees may leave them with the
undersigned. J. S. MORTON, Sec.

A car of Belleville Cement just ar-
rived. L. MEIKLEJOHN.

G. W. Shibley, organizer for the
Chosen Friends, will address the
Stirling Council at their meeting on Friday
evening, March 26th. Will the Friends
please bear this in mind and turn out
to hear something interesting. See
card for place of meeting.

A few days ago we were favored with
a sample of maple syrup which was
made fourteen years ago by Mr. J. B.
Weaver, and has been kept since that
time by his daughter, Mrs. Albert W.
Green, during which time there were
three removals. The syrup still retains
a fine flavor.

WANTED—A girl for general house-
work. Apply to Mrs. J. McC. Potts,
Stirling.

The annual report of St. Andrew's
church was issued from the News-Argus
press last week. A number of il-
lustrations tell more graphically than
words the work being carried on. Any
families or individuals connected with
the church not receiving a copy are
asked to notify one of the managers.

Is Stirling to have a half holiday
each week during the months of July
and August? This is a question that is
being asked by some business men in
town, one in which all should be inter-
ested and to which there should be an
unanimous answer—Yes! For two
years the matter has been under con-
sideration and the benefits to both mer-
chants and clerks are known to all.
Why then should we indulge in a long
discussion of the matter? We feel that
a mention of the matter is all that is
necessary to have a proper arrangement
made.

Change of Date
The date of the sale of fancy and use-
ful articles to be held by the Ladies'
Union in connection with the Metho-
dist church, has been changed from
Good Friday to Tuesday, April 6th.
The sale will open at 4:30 p.m., and tea
will be served from that hour to 6:30, for
which the small sum of 15c. will be
asked. In the evening, beginning at
7:30, a good program will be given. Ad-
mission in the evening 10c.

Mr. Geo. E. Maybue of Napanee died
suddenly in Montreal on Thursday
evening last. He was a brother of Mr.
M. Maybue of Madoc.

Major J. J. Craig, member of the leg-
islature for East Wellington, has a
drastic proposal in regard to the opera-
tions of automobiles on country roads,
of which he will give notice shortly.
The proposal is, in a word, to give coun-
ty councils the power to prohibit en-
tirely the running of automobiles on Sat-
urday and Sunday in such localities as
the council should order. Saturday is
chosen because it is the farmers' market
day, and Sunday being the day of rest.

Croup positively stopped in 20 minutes,
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No vomiting, no distress. A safe and
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"Canada" Illustrated

Limelight Views and Descriptions
by Colonel W. N. Ponton

The large audience that gathered in
St. Andrew's church on Monday night
had the pleasure of looking on as fine a
series of views as have ever been ex-
hibited here. For nearly two hours
and a half ever varying scenes illustra-
tive of Canadian life and land were
rapidly thrown upon the screen. There
was not a poor view in the hundreds
shown and some were marvellous ex-
hibitions of the photographer's art. Start-
ling from Halifax the views embraced
almost every phase of life and scenery
north, south, east and west, as far as
Fort William. On another occasion
the Colonel has promised to continue
the travel-talk from Fort William to the
coast, many of his finest views being
in the Rocky Mountain territory.

In addition to these views about a
hundred exquisitely painted Japanese
slides were displayed under the heading
"Japan as we saw it." Nothing finer
has ever passed through a stereoscopic
than these latter slides.

Colonel Ponton is an easy, graceful
speaker, and while at times the voice is
a little low for a large audience, yet he
is always interesting, and the ideals he
held up for Canadians to reach after
should not soon be forgotten. On plat-
form and in private Colonel Ponton is
an attractive personality, and a return
visit will be looked forward to. Mr.
Ponton's son operated the slides in a
satisfactory manner.

Mrs. J. McC. Potts gave a splendid
rendition of "The Holy City," and the
hearty applause showed the apprecia-
tion of the audience. Mr. L. Meikle-
john acted as chairman.

Foxboro Band Concert

Lovers of band music had an oppor-
tunity to enjoy such on Friday evening
last, when the Foxboro Band were pre-
sent in the Opera House. Assisted by
C. H. Emery of Toronto, humorous and
dramatic entertainer and comic vocalist,
Madam Don Cochrane, contralto solo-
ist, and R. Blaind, baritone and cornet
soloist, a good program was given. The
selections by the Band and Orchestra
were all good and well rendered. Fox-
boro has every reason to be proud of
its band, which is only a recent organiza-
tion. Mr. Emery brought down the
house with his humorous selections,
and was encored on every appearance.
Two numbers of a different character
were also given, "The Bridge of Sighs"
and "The Highland Brigade." Madam
Don Cochrane's solos of old Scottish
favorites were much appreciated and
heartily applauded. She also con-
tributed a humorous recitation to the
evening's entertainment. Mr. R.
Blaind of Belleville, baritone soloist,
gave two numbers which were favor-
ably received, and a solo by Mr. A. C.
Dafos of Foxboro completed the pro-
gram. Miss Blaind of Belleville was
the pianist. Mr. W. R. Mather, reeve
of Stirling, fulfilled the duties of chair-
man, and expressed the hope that in
the no distant future Stirling would
have a band equally as good as that of
Foxboro. The attendance was not as
good as was expected, nor as the enter-
tainers deserved.

Still Another

On Friday evening, the 12th inst., a
new Camp of Canadian Order of the
Woodmen of the World was instituted
at Stirling by Sov. C. Jarvis, Supt. of
Organization, and Sov. W. P. Chard,
Deputy Consul of the Order, assisted
by Sov. R. H. Pearce of the NEWS-
ARGUS staff, and Sov. B. Hanna, both
of Campbellford Camp. About twenty
charter applicants received the most
impressive ritualistic ceremony of
Woodcraft. After the business of the
evening, including election and instal-
lation of officers, short addresses were
delivered by the Sovs. present. Sov. C.
Jarvis in a few well made remarks en-
lightened the new Camp with some of
the features and stability of the Order.
Sov. W. P. Chard made a few remarks,
in which he thanked all present for their
loyalty and hospitality shown him in
the work, and after the meeting to be
held this week for further initiation
work, wished Tree Valley Camp, with
its splendid inception, every success.

Following is the list of officers elected:
Consul Com.—Sov. W. M. Chandler.
Adv. Lieut.—Sov. C. J. Boldrick.
Past Com. Com.—Sov. R. Herman.
Banker—Sov. S. Hatton.
Clerk—Sov. D. A. Bird.
Physician—Sov. H. E. Alger, M. D.
Secord—Sov. H. Hulin.
Watchman—Sov. D. G. Hanna.
Sentry—Sov. P. McC. Dingwall.
Managers—Sovs. H. H. Alger, M. D.,
G. G. Thrasher, J. W. Chard.
Delegate to H. C.—Sov. W. M. Chan-
dler.
Alternate Delegate to H. C.—Sov. C.
J. Boldrick.

The Grand Lodges of Orangemen and
Black Nights are in session at Napanee
this week.

The Y. M. C. A. rooms at Malco
have been closed.—The Review says
owing to lack of financial support.

The Dominion Government will make
a grant of \$200,000 per year for five
years to assist the railways in doing
away with level crossings.

Perhaps the finest craft devoted solely
to pleasure purposes that will sail the
Bay of Quinte this summer will be the
motor yacht "Yacht," purchased re-
cently by Mr. Harry Corby of Belle-
ville, in New York City. She is a 90
footer, with normal speed of twenty
miles an hour. Needless to say she is
luxuriously fitted out.

Croup positively stopped in 20 minutes,
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Obituary

Mrs. Jonathan Phillips, daughter of
John Hoagie, passed peacefully away
on February 23rd, at the residence of
her son-in-law, Mr. David Mack, of
Wellman's Corners, having attained
the ripe age of 92 years, 8 months, and
14 days. She came to Canada from
Amsterdam in the year 1831, at the age
of fourteen, and settled in the third con-
cession of Sidney with her parents.

Four years later she married James
Sharpe of the fourth concession of Sid-
ney. By this union were three daugh-
ters, namely, Mrs. J. S. Walker of
Hope, who preceded her mother to the
grave three years ago, at the age of 87;
Mrs. James Barnett of Hord's Station,
and Mrs. David Mack of Wellman's
Corners.

Her first husband died 61 years ago,
at the age of 89. Again she married in
1846 Captain Jonathan Phillips. By
this union were four children, Albert
Phillips of Manitoba, Mrs. W. Barnett
of Campbellford, Mrs. John Spry of
Michigan, and James W. Phillips, who
died at the age of 26 years. Mrs. Phillips
lived to see 21 grandchildren, 16 great-
grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grand-
child. Had she lived just three days
longer she would have been just the
age that her mother, Mrs. John Hoagie,
was when she died. During her long
life she lived under five monarchs, of
whom she could relate many important
incidents. At the age of seventeen she
was converted to God under the Rev.
John Black's preaching, a Wesleyan
Methodist minister, and was a faithful
Christian from that time.

Com.

Spring Brook

Mrs. T. C. McConnell last Monday
evening gave an "at home" for the
Women's Institute. There was a very
fair attendance, and an agreeable
evening was spent, due to the happy faculty
of the hostess in entertaining. The
proceeds of the evening were about \$4.

T. C. McConnell and Jas. Morgan
are attending the Grand Orange Lodge
in session at Napanee this week.

T. J. Thompson is in Toronto for a
few days.

G. L. Burkitt has bought the F. C.
Caldwell property and will in future re-
side in Springbrook.

Another drunken brawl in the village
last Saturday night. Wonder if local
option was to blame for it.

Jas. Danford lost a fine horse lately
for which he had recently refused an
offer of \$200.

Misfortunes never come singly. A
few days ago one of Mr. Danford's
children was badly scalded by the up-
setting of a kettle of hot water.

Madoc Junction Items

Rev. Mr. Barker occupied the pulpit
here on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bird are very ill with
measles. Dr. Bissonnette is in at-
tendance.

Mr. F. J. Clarke and Mr. Nathan
Clarke left on Monday for Hardisty,
Alta.

Mr. W. Bean and Miss A. Hoard of
Stirling visited at Mr. Alex. F. Reid's,
Mr. Clarke's, on Sunday last.

Mr. Stanley Eggleston spent a few
days with his sister, Mrs. A. W. An-
drews.

Auction Sales

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.—On lot 2, con. 7,
Huntingdon, the farm stock and im-
plements belonging to Mr. Alex. F. Reid.
Sale at one o'clock, sharp. Wm. Rodgers,
auctioneer.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30.—On south half of
lot 11, con. 2, Rawdon, the farm im-
plements, vehicles and household furniture
belonging to Mr. Edwin Naylor. Sale at
one o'clock, sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auc-
tioneer.

Deaths

WRIGHT—In Rawdon, on March 12th, Geo.
Wright, aged 55 years.
HUBBLE—In Sidney, on March 14th, Amos
Hubble, aged 78 years.

To Rent

East half of lot 4 in the 5th concession of
Rawdon. On the farm is a good barn with
basement stables, a good orchard and a
never failing spring and well. Land is in
a good state of cultivation. Apply to
CATHERINE CAIN,
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Notice

All accounts due the undersigned must
be paid on or before April 1st, otherwise
they will be placed in court for collec-
tion.
A. L. HOUGH.

Chopping Mill for Sale

The mill at Wellman's Corners, known
as Gullett's Mill, is offered for sale. Good
water power most of the year; gasoline
engine for use when water fails. Good
business all the year. For terms and fur-
ther particulars apply to
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chain of High-School
built up a superior, unapproached cur-
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at his own desk. We assist our gradu-
ates to the best positions in the
three courses—Commercial, Signo-
graphy and Telegraphy.
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Write for particulars.

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A registered Berkshire Boar for ser-
vice, the bacon type.
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and low price. What about your new Spring Suit?
Come in, and we will show you the best Clothing on the
the market.

Men's Suits.....from \$6.25 to \$15.00
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Men's Hats in all the new styles.

Stiff Hats.....from \$1.50 to \$2.50
The special Stiff Hat—at \$2.25—is as good or a little
better than is sold at the regular price of \$2.75.
Ask to see them. No trouble to show goods.

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1898	\$ 928,941	\$ 4,126,132	\$ 256,941	\$28,703,979
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Agents wanted for Stirling and vicinity.

S. BURROWS - General Agent
Belleville, Ont.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of John
McGee, late of the Village of
Stirling, in the County of Hasting,
Merchant, deceased.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of the
Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter 139, Sec-
tion 38, that all creditors and others having
claims against the estate of the late John
McGee, who died on or about the 31st day of Feb-
ruary, A.D. 1909, are required on or before
the 1st day of April, A.D. 1909, to send by post
or in person to the undersigned, at the office of the
executor of the estate of the deceased, at
Stirling post office, or her Solicitor as hereun-
der named and signed, a statement of the nature
and full particulars of the claims, a statement
of their amount and the nature of the securities,
if any, held by them, verified by affidavit.

And further notice is given that after such
last mentioned date the said Executor will
proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased
among the parties entitled thereto, having
regard only for the claims of which he shall
have notice, and the said Executor will not
be liable for such claims or any part there-
of, unless presented to him and verified by affidavit
not later than the 1st day of April, A.D. 1909,
and notice is further given that all persons
and parties who are indebted to said Execu-
tor, or her Solicitor, hereunder, forthwith,
dated at Stirling, this 11th day of March,
A.D. 1909.

G. G. THRASHER,
Solicitor for Executor.

J. S. MORTON, AGENT, STIRLING

THE NEWS-ARGUS to new Subscribers until Dec. 31—75 cts.

Time Heals Most Wounds

A Tale of Love and Disappointment

CHAPTER XX.—(Cont'd)

"Engagements have been broken before, even at so late an hour," Harecastle said vigorously.

"And a pretty scandal they make. I am not going to have one in my family," he answered grimly.

"We are here to appeal to you, but you must understand that I have made up my mind," Rebekah said tenaciously. "Father, I can be as obstinate as you. Do you think I should ever have consented if I had known that Cyril was engaged to Miss Petherston? You have played an iniquitous part, and if you were not my father I could curse you."

"No melodrama, please, Rebekah. Cursing is out of date; besides, I can do all that is necessary. Have you explained to him what will be the result of your refusing to marry?" he demanded sternly.

"I told him what you said, but no one could believe that you were serious. You only said it in your anger," she cried tremulously.

"I repeat it now, in cold blood. If you refuse to do my bidding, I will tell the world why the marriage does not take place. It shall know of the Earl's treachery. Does that move you?" Joel cried fiercely.

The younger man rose to his feet with clenched fists.

"Don't answer him, Cyril. He has no cause for anger with you. It is I that refuse, not you," she cried, and she placed her hand on his arm to restrain him.

He quickly recognized the wisdom of her words, and held his rage in check.

"I don't believe you could do it, Mr. Josephs," he said gravely. "I do not credit you with being so low."

"Don't rely on that, Lord Harecastle," he said grimly. "You don't know me. Ask any one in the city if Joel Josephs has ever been known to go back on his word. I repeat to you most solemnly that if you two people break off this marriage, I will give out the reason I have told you. I am sorry that you two children should drive me to take up this attitude, but I think you will thank me a few years hence. You are made for one another; every one says so. There is no reason why you should not look forward to a long life of happiness. It is not reasonable to expect me to consent to a course that will raise a hornet's nest of gossip. Then, too, you forget that Royalty is to honor us with its presence. How can I put them off? The idea is absurd, so dismiss it from your minds at once."

His earnestness made a deep impression upon them both, but Rebekah did not waver for a moment.

"You are depriving yourself of a daughter's love. I shall never forgive, if you do what you say. Indeed, I will leave you, and never again call you father."

Joel watched her admiringly, and he saw in her his own fighting spirit, but it only rendered him all the more desirous of conquering it.

"Make up your minds," he said sharply. "If you so desire it, I will make the announcement to our guests in the morning, that the marriage is postponed."

"And you will say nothing?" Rebekah asked eagerly.

"I shall speak, and to the point," he said sharply. "Have you decided? You are a pair of simpletons. Run along and play and let's have no more of this nonsense. I am really very fond of you both if you will only be sensible."

It was more than Rebekah could bear, and she burst forth into passionate tears. But on Joel it had not the slightest effect.

"You need not think that tears will make me alter my mind," he began in an even, cold voice. "Perhaps you had better go to bed. A night's rest may enable you to view things sensibly. You are overwrought."

"I shall never rest while you are so cruel," she cried piteously. "Will nothing change you?"

"It is useless," Harecastle said, for hope had left him. "After all my father must suffer. No good can come by prolonging this interview."

"Yes. Your father will suffer, and you too," Joel cried angrily. "Do you think that any decent woman will be anxious to marry you if she knows the truth? The name of Wolverholme will be a byword."

"I will leave you, father," Rebekah said as she rose. "And I make one final appeal for mercy. I have decided, and unless you agree I shall leave this house in the morning. I am of age and you cannot control me. Good-night."

Joel felt that he was losing and an uncontrollable rage consumed him.

"You are an unnatural daughter and I shall be well rid of you. Not a desire of your life have I allowed to go unsatisfied. I have lived but for your happiness, and you repay me by this ingratitude."

"Good-night, father," she said wistfully.

"You realize what you are doing!" he cried fiercely.

"Let the child go," Harecastle said sternly. "Are you not satisfied with your cruelty? Do you wish to prolong her torment?"

The door closed softly and the two men faced one another.

"I should like to give you my opinion of your conduct now that we are alone," Harecastle said quietly. "My hands have been tied and I have been compelled to see a brave young girl bear the brunt of a coward's bullying. It is your own blood that you are torturing. I do not appeal for myself, for I am prepared to suffer the ignominy that you can pour on my head. But I ask you to think of my father. He is an old man, and near to his grave. He has done wrong, but it was in the days of his youth. He must have suffered bitterly for that one act. Before it, his life had been full of promise, and he had to sink his ambition. His career was wasted."

Joel puffed vigorously once or twice at his cigar, and then laid it down on an ash tray. He raised his head quickly.

"We will see the Earl. Perhaps he will have something to say on the matter," he said with a malignant look.

CHAPTER XXI.

Joel led the way to the smoking-room, and they found that Lord Wolverholme had not yet gone to bed.

The three men were alone. Harecastle was acutely feeling his position. His father looked so happy and contented, and little dream of what was awaiting him.

"I suppose it is nearly time for bed," the Earl remarked with a yawn.

"It is only eleven o'clock," Joel said quickly, "and I fear we must have a little talk. I want you to use your influence with your son. They tell me that their engagement is broken off," he wound up grimly.

"What madness is this?" the Earl cried agitatedly. "It is quite impossible."

"Let the matter rest; you can do no good, Joel," Harecastle said appealingly. "You must remember that the decision does not rest with me."

"Perhaps the Earl will be able to persuade Rebekah. He has every reason to use the persuasive powers for which he is famed," Joel said threateningly.

"What does it all mean?" the Earl asked of his son. "Is it a joke? If so, it is in very bad taste."

"It is grim earnest, Lord Wolverholme. You may as well understand that we all know of that little affair at St. Petersburg."

The words came as a thunder-clap. Cyril instinctively moved to his father's side, and it was well that he did so, for the Earl required a steady hand.

"My sin has found me out, and after these long years," the Earl moaned feebly. He sank back into his chair, and his body trembled violently.

"Who knows?" he asked quaveringly.

"Rebekah, Harecastle, Ackroyd, and myself," Joel answered quickly.

"No one else?" the Earl asked eagerly.

"No one," he whispered hoarsely.

"Then I am safe. Did Ackroyd tell you?"

"Yes," Joel replied.

"The blackguard! And I paid him too!"

Harecastle rested his hand affectionately on his father's shoulder, for he was filled with anxiety for him.

"It was so long ago, father. Don't think about it!" he said soothingly.

"But how does this affect the marriage? Joel knows of it, Rebekah also. Who else is there to be considered, if they do not mind?" he asked wonderingly.

"Your past appears to have had but little to do with the rupture of the marriage. It is incomprehensible to me. They don't give any reason. Rebekah merely says that she cannot be happy with Harecastle. He keeps silent, and says that he leaves himself in Rebekah's hands. I have done my utmost to persuade her to change her decision. She absolutely refuses to do so. Now you must take a hand."

"I will do my best, but I cannot hope to succeed where her father

has failed," the Earl said hopelessly.

"You must go down on your knees to her. Pray to her as if you were praying for your life, for it means more than that to you," Joel said fiercely.

He had no pity for the broken man who sat shivering at the message in his voice.

"I am bewildered. I can do nothing. We must accept the position. But it is very sad; we were all so happy. What reason is animating her?" he asked Harecastle.

"She will not make a loveless marriage," he replied dully.

"I see," he cried quickly. "You low Jewish blackguard. So you have threatened my son with my shame to encompass your ends! Cyril, can you forgive me?" he asked appealingly.

"I do, father, with all my heart; but you don't yet realize the capabilities of this man," Harecastle cried excitedly.

"What more can he do?"

"A reason must be given to the world for the breaking off of the marriage."

"I do not see the necessity for it; the announcement is sufficient."

"But Joel sees the necessity. He will give the reason," Harecastle cried impetuously.

"Well?" the Earl said inquiringly.

"He will say that he discovered this thing of your past, and that he himself broke off the marriage on account of it," Harecastle said simply.

"Then he must do so," the Earl said with simple dignity. "I committed the crime, and I must pay the penalty. I have played the coward too long. But you share in the punishment, Cyril. It is more than I can bear. Be sure thy sins will find thee out!" he wound up miserably.

By some miracle the Earl seemed to have thrown aside the unworthy part of his nature. Too long had he lived for himself, he would play the part of a brave man and try to atone.

Joel moved impatiently, for he had little expected that the Earl would take up this position.

"Have you thought? Have you duly considered the consequences. You hold a proud position. The Earl of Wolverholme is a man who is respected, at whom dirt has never been thrown. Your name will become an object of execration. You, it will affect but little, for you are an old man. But when you are dead there will be another Earl of Wolverholme, who will have to bear the ignominy after you. And your son's children. They will be hounded from the haunts of civilized men, they will be ostracized by their class, and will be doomed to the lives of hermits."

"You could not deal them this blow," the Earl said weakly. "I will do anything I can, but I am helpless."

"You underestimate your influence," Joel said quietly.

The Earl looked pitifully at his son.

"Shall we brave it?" Harecastle cried desperately. "Shall you and I go abroad together. I will never marry and the name will die out."

"I do not know what to say, Cyril. Your life must not be blasted. I cannot let you make such a sacrifice. Will nothing move you, Joel?" the Earl asked eagerly.

"Why should I change? Shall I give in now that it is so nearly accomplished? You may save your words, they are useless."

"What advantage will you gain by doing us this injury?" the Earl asked simply.

"At any rate I shall secure an ample revenge. That will be some satisfaction."

Joel was terrified that they might defy him. His manner was cold and threatening, and he waited eagerly for the Earl to continue.

Lord Wolverholme's face twitched and he gasped painfully.

"Run to my room, Cyril," he whispered hoarsely. "You will find a bottle on my dressing-table. Bring it at once."

"Of those heart attacks," the Earl said feebly. (To be continued.)

THE JOYS OF LIFE.

Case of Simple Minded Youth Who Trumbled the Handcart.

"In what joy consists," said Mr. MacWhackleton, "depends a good deal on our age, circumstances and point of view. I doubt if any of later life are greater than those of early youth."

"Going along our street last night was a youthful grocery boy pushing a hand cart and imitating the call of a cat. He didn't know whether he was rich or poor. If an automobile passed him he didn't wish that he could have it. Sufficient to himself, he simply regarded it as a part of the show. He hadn't come to any of the sorrows or setbacks of life yet, he was fearless and irresponsible; alive and kicking, he enjoyed every breath he drew, and now he was walking along, automatically pushing the handcart, which had practically gone out of his mind in the thrill of his cat calling achievements."

"Minnow" he said. "Mi-au-ow" he drew out. "Mi-au-ow" and he tottered the handle of

the cart in the intensity of his enjoyment, all wrought up by the sound of his own voice and the effectiveness of his own effort, thinking it fine and wonderful and thinking it nothing else.

"What was the tariff to him, or the earthquake in Italy, or where the money was coming from to pay the rent, or whether he could afford to go to the show or not, or any of life's cares and troubles? Nothing."

He lived in a world of his own in which he was constantly discovering new wonders and himself learning to do new things, and lately it had come to him that he could imitate the call of a cat and just now he was in full flush of his first perfected power in this; and here he was pushing the hand cart along, tottering the handle up and down, and with his head thrown back, saying at every other step, "Mi-au-ow! Mi-au-ow!" and finding it in a pervasive and permeating, a profoundly penetrating delight. What greater joy could one find?

LOST OPPORTUNITIES.

Mark Twain said in a recent speech: "I want to tell you one more story, the story of the lost opportunity. Young people don't realize the full sadness of it, but who of us older people doesn't know the pathos of the lost opportunity? In the village which is a suburb of New Bedford, a friend of mine took me to the dedication of a town hall, and pointed out to me a bronzed, weather-beaten old man over ninety years old."

"Do you see any passion in that old man?" said he to me.

"You don't; well, I can make him a perfect volcano to you. I'll just mention to him something very casually."

And he did.

Well, that old man suddenly gave vent to an outburst of profanity such as I had never heard in my life before. I listened to him with the delight with which one listens to an artist.

The cause of it was this. When that old man was a young sailor, he came back from a three-year cruise and found the whole town had taken the pledge. He hadn't taken it, so he was ostracised.

Finally he made up his mind he couldn't stand ostracism any longer, and he went to the secretary and said: "Put my name down for that temperance society of yours."

Next day he left on another three-year cruise. It was torture to him to watch the men drinking, and he pledged not to. Finally he got home.

He got a jug of good stuff, ran to the society, and said: "Take my name right off, I'm giving a buster."

"It isn't necessary," said the secretary, "it was never on; you were blackballed before you went away."

SHE WAS MISTAKEN.

Hubby was evidently worried, and wife was trying to cheer him up.

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About the Farm

MAKE CHICKENS SCRATCH.

Busy hens are layers, providing, of course, that they are well fed. Dumpy birds that mope around on the roost all day long, except when a little feed is thrown in to them, are not, as a rule, in any hurry about laying. Exercise is as necessary for the health and vigor of a hen as of a horse or man.

Chickens are intended to scratch for their living, and a fowl which does not have to do it is like a lazy man who lounges about the house with only such exercise as he obtains in sitting down to the table, eating, and getting up again. Who would expect such a person to be healthy, vigorous or efficient? The idea that hens or cows derive sufficient exercise from the digestion of their food is absurd. Make the poultry scratch for their living; not amid filth and accumulated droppings, but in clean, fresh dry chaff, leaves or other litter, renewed two or three times a week.

When throwing the grain into the pen, scatter it well, and rake or kick the chaff, leaves or dust over it, so as to make the birds use their legs. It may seem like a waste of energy, but it is not. Exercise and eggs are two words that begin with the same letter, and the relation between the facts is not less close than that between the words.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Always be sure that the collar is an exact fit for the horse. If not, make it fit or get a new one. Don't think that the horse's neck will adjust itself to the collar. Have a good fit in the collar and you will have but little trouble with sore shoulders.

Have the feet of all the colts leveled frequently and shaped properly, even if it is necessary to hire an expert horse-shoer to go to the stable to do the job. Faulty action in mature animals is often the result of neglecting the feet when the animal is young.

Should your hogs grow too thin in bone, do not blame it all to the breed. Remember that pigs can not grow bone without the necessary material, any more than they can produce flesh and fat without food. See that your food ration contains plenty of phosphates, and

keep salt and ashes within reach of the pigs.

It pays to use a disinfectant in pig pens. An excellent practice is to scatter a little chloride of lime through the pen twice a week, while a few pails of white-wash, to which a small quantity of carbolic acid has been added, will materially assist in keeping the place free from vermin. The hog is naturally a clean animal if he is allowed to be so.

When a man buys his foundation stock and gives it intelligent care, he has a reasonable assurance of success in producing the same kind of hogs; but no breeder should be satisfied with producing just a good stock as he started with. It should be his hope and ambition to produce something better.

As an egg-producing food, a mixture of wheat, hulls and oats, a little cracked corn and some millet seed, is an exceptionally good one. It makes a great food to scatter in the litter for the hens to work out. For hens that are comfortably housed and protected from the cold, we should use one-third hulls and one-third wheat, and the other third composed of equal parts of cracked corn and millet seed.

Corn is heating, and if the hens are in a cold pen, we should increase this article. Hulls cost more than the ordinary kind, but they are worth a good deal more; there is no more food value in the hull or husk of the oats than there is in the oats straw itself.

MESSENGERS OF DEATH.

As year by year more is heard of the efforts to establish an International arbitration court, so also inventors produce more and more deadly weapons of war in the same direction. One of the latest is the rifle-howitz, a sharpnel grenade, originated by Mr. F. Martin Hale, of England. It can be adapted to any Service rifle, and experiments have demonstrated that its death-dealing powers, a range of not less than 1,000 yards, are appalling. The grenade is an inch thick, and 8 1/2 inches long, and weighs nearly 1 1/2 pounds. A man could carry a dozen of them without danger or inconvenience; while they can be fired ready for firing both easily and quickly. Experiments, too, are being carried out with an automatic shot-gun and a carbine, whereby five cartridges can be fired in four seconds, without the use of the marksmanship of the shooter. The shot cartridges are also thrown out, safely and safely.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

We have referred heretofore to the novel feature of the British "prevention of crime" act, designed primarily to suppress or segregate the confirmed, hopeless criminal. The act has passed both houses of parliament, but not in its original form. It was found necessary to make concessions to those who objected to the "revolutionary" principle of punishing defendants not for specific crimes, but for "habitual criminality" and who, moreover, thought that it would prove class legislation, directed against the members of the poorest and most unfortunate section of the population.

In the original bill the court was given authority to impose on a person tried for the third time on a criminal charge not merely the ordinary sentence, but, in addition, "preventive detention" during the pleasure of the crown—meaning the home office. Under such a provision the incorrigibles would remain in the penitentiary to the end of their days. In the act as passed the additional sentence of preventive detention is expressly limited to a maximum of ten and a minimum of five years. Habitual criminality is for the first time definitely recognized by the British law as a distinct offense, but the maximum penalty for it is not permanent isolation from society, but detention for ten years. No doubt this penalty is likely to prove a deterrent in many cases, but it will not rid the community of the hardened and confirmed criminal. The government or its supporters lacked the courage of their reform and for the time being abandoned the idea of trying the effect of permanently segregating the human beasts of prey.

There are those who vigorously deny that there is such a species as the habitual criminal, who argue that freed convicts are driven back into the paths of violence and aggression by the inhumanity of society and the universal fear, distrust and hatred of "jail birds." But instances are notorious where freed convicts are given encouragement and opportunity and yet return to criminal careers. At any rate, the new English act contains provisions for the reformation of criminals before they fall into the "habitual" class.

DEVOTION TO SCIENCE.

Costs Another Scientist the Loss of Part of His Right Hand.

Another scientist, Harry W. Cox, of London, England, has paid the heavy price of amputation for experimenting with "x-rays." Mr. Cox, who is one of the leading manufacturers of "x-rays" and high-frequency coils and apparatus, with premises in Gray's Inn Road, has undergone an operation at his home at Clepton on his left hand, including three fingers. The thumb and the little finger were saved. Some years ago Mr. Cox lost one of the fingers on his left hand, and he has yet to undergo another operation. He has contracted the disease in the chin.

The operation was apparently successful, and it is hoped that it will turn out as well as that in the left hand, which has given no trouble since.

Like Mr. Hall-Edwards, who has lost both his hands and has been awarded a pension from the civil list, Mr. Cox has suffered from the early ignorance respecting the dangers of the then newly-discovered rays.

Now-a-days operators are elaborately safeguarded. Lead, being practically impervious to the "x-rays," the experimentalists use spectacles containing glass with a lead alloy, gloves made of rubber, mixed with lead, and similar masks for the face and shoulders.

Mr. Cox, however, was one of the first manufacturers of "x-ray" apparatus in England. His work was the first to be brought into use during the Boer War, where it was of great value to the surgeons. He worked a great deal in conjunction with Mr. Hall-Edwards.

In testing the apparatus the hands, naturally, were the first to be effected. When the disease first appeared on his left hand in the form of a kind of chap—which often disappears if the "x-rays" are at once left alone—Mr. Cox disregarded it, and went on testing his work so that it might be sent out to the war.

The pain became so intense, however, that he had to undergo an operation. In recent years Mr. Cox has been a martyr to almost intolerable pain.

BURDENS THAT MAKE US

Could We Ever Dream of the Higher Tasks But for the Lower Duties?

"For we are his workmanship," Eph. ii., 10.

Almost all the lives that reach any measure of right self-consciousness regard themselves as in a constant struggle between the things they fain would do. Seldom indeed does it happen that one can find his living in the things he loves most of all; happy are those who may. The rest, however, are not necessarily justified in regarding their unenviable work as the foe of their highest welfare.

It is true that many lives are ill adjusted. Poets are working in brickyards and plowmen are trying to make poems for a living. We owe it to life and to our world not less than to ourselves to discover our own aptitudes, to cultivate our best powers in the tasks for which we are best suited. We have no right to drift; we ought to summon every power we have in order to select a work that we can do and do well.

Even then, with each man at the task he could do best, we would still have the conflict between the things we must do and those we would do. Perhaps you have heard it said that in the good time coming every man will have to do only the things he would most like to do. None would for long be satisfied with that arrangement. Even the people who believe they were born to wear wings and play on harps would soon be sighing for

LESS EXALTED DUTIES.

It would be an easy matter to say to all who feel the rasp and grind of each day's dull tasks, who realize keenly the seeming conflict between the duties that necessity lays on us and the high bidding of our aspirations: Be content; life is short; heaven awaits you; time's disparities will be adjusted in eternity. That leads people to take time as a dose for the sake of eternal health hereafter.

None of the problems of living are solved by a mechanical content, by an assumed apathetic indifference to the facts that fret us. An absolutely certain present will not be fully lived until it is more than a probation for a problematic future. Folks will endure all kinds of discomfort and even wrong on the bleak threshold when they know the door to warmth and cheer will soon be opened.

The world needs those who are

living a full life in the present, who are doing their share toward making conditions right here. Better the one who is wrong in his discontent than he who is content with wrong. If life seems wrong to you it is your duty to seek the way of righting it. It is better to make the mistake of thinking you must mold your times than to be lulled dull clay to be molded by your times.

How then can we learn to live our lives so that, with all this seeming conflict, they will be right? How can we reconcile all the opposing necessities and aspirations? May we find our way into the meaning of the necessity upon us to wear so much of ourselves away in the greedy wheels of the world's great machine?

Could we ever fit ourselves for any greater work but by

THE FAITHFUL DOING

of that which seems so little? Are we not learning the greater by means of the less? And, beside, can we be always quite sure which is the greater and which the less?

It may be that the plowman is really doing a finer work than the poet, for what is the real measure of all our work? Is the chief executive of a railroad system necessarily doing that which is more sublime than the work of some father who, for the love of little ones, bears the yoke of servitude? Neither the wage nor the work itself is the measure, but the worker.

Often the burdens that seem to threaten to break us are the ones that make us. The discipline of the dull task is the refining pot where the gold of life itself is produced. But for their grinding necessities lives would all be only dull pebbles; the jewels are discovered by the lapidary called sometimes duty and sometimes adversity.

Only as we see life in the light of these higher values does the necessity for the conflict between duty and desire appear and the meaning of the toil and hardship become evident. Because man belongs to a nobler order which is in the making he learns not simply to endure but to delight in the toils of the present, to fight circumstance, to show himself master of his fate, and to find the life that strikes its roots so deep into eternity that neither parching drought nor rising flood affect its prosperity.

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THE S. S. LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MAR. 21.

Review. Golden Text, Acts 8:4.

Three eras are considered in the lesson of the Quarter.

The First Era. The Two Great Powers producing Christianity, its fruits and successes (A.D. 30).

The Everliving Leader and Saviour Ascended to heaven, sitting on the right hand of God, but also ever present with his people, and doing among them the same kind of things he did on earth. Note among other things the kind of miracles which he wrought through the apostles. So the picture of the first church in Acts 2 is the outshining in actual life of the teachings of Jesus, the Beatitudes and Golden Rule.

Constantine's motto "In hoc signo vinces" ("By this sign of the cross) thou shalt conquer," is true of the church in all ages.

No church or body of men which denies the divinity and continued existence of Jesus has ever been largely successful in spreading the gospel, or building up the religious life.

The Holy Spirit coming with new power and abundance, because the coming of the Son of God has made the greatness of his work possible, is the other force by which Christianity has made its conquests.

His presence was made manifest to the senses so that people would realize the fact and the nature of the power which transformed the character of the people, and multiplied the number of the disciples.

Relate the stories of the Ascension, the Promise, the Prayer Meeting, the Day of Pentecost.

The Second Era. The Home Church at Jerusalem (A.D. 30-35 or 36).

Note the Growth of the church in four directions.

1. The transformation of character, seen in the apostles, notably in Peter; and point out the incidents which show what that change was. Seen also in the character of the first Christians. Seen also in their action under persecution.

2. Growth in numbers. Note the expressions which show this progress.

3. Growth in organization. Give the most marked instance.

4. Growth in extent of country reached by the gospel.

Difficulties and How They Were Overcome. State the obstacles in the way of this progress, and how they were overcome—from without, from within. Name the various incidents which illustrate and express both the difficulties and the way the early Christians overcame evil with good.

The Third Era. The Expansion of the Church (A.D. 36-40).

The causes of this expansion. The places to which the church was extended.

The value of this expansion to the progress of the church. State the main incidents of this expansion.

WOMAN MAYOR'S DINNER.

Mayor of Aldeburgh, Eng., Gave Dinner to Councillors and Guests

Dr. Elizabeth Garret Anderson, Mayor of Aldeburgh, England, gave a dinner recently to 40 Councillors and other guests. She was the only woman present, and she wore a black dress, with a widow's cap, and diamonds. Replying to the toast, "Aldeburgh's Prosperity," she said that during her year of office she would try her best to prove a good motherly housekeeper to the town. She declared that nothing could be done by talking, but a great deal by the councillors agreeing to take action and work together for the good of the town. She hoped to better the roads and to make the town more attractive to visitors.

DESERVES THE NAME.

Askitt—Is your friend Yankem a painless dentist?

Noitt—Yes. He's so busy he hasn't time to take pains with his victims.

NECESSARY RELIEF.

George—Will your father permit you to take your piano away with you when you marry?

Phyllis—He says he will insist on it.

Griggs—"I say, old man, what's good for insomnia? I haven't closed my eyes for five nights." Coloned—"You want to have a boxing match. The first time I tried it, remember, my eyes were closed for a fortnight."

SOMETHING ABOUT HAND-SHAKE.

Different Ways in Grasping—Not Enough Vigor, Says Professor.

Recently a very learned professor elaborated his views on the hand-shake. He electrified his listeners by declaring that some people had hands like flippers—there was no vigor about the grasp.

"There are nearly as many kinds of handshakes as there are kinds of man," said the professor. "There is the hearty shake, the two-finger shake, and the thistle-down shake at the height of the shoulder.

"There is the cold hand, and there is the hot hand, the hand that is moist and clammy, the hand that is more like a flipper than an organ of prehension. There is the tender, pressure, the vigorous squeeze, and the frigid extension, as if one were submitting to a painful operation.

"A true handshake is like a quarrel or a marriage. It takes time to make it. Two hands meeting in a sympathetic grasp, with just enough pressure to suggest welcome without inflicting discomfort—that is the real handshake.

"A handshake is infinitely preferable as a greeting to the promiscuous kissing one sometimes sees. Apart altogether from the fact that specific disease may be conveyed by the contact of the lips, too much kissing is always to be discouraged. The mothers who will never allow anybody to kiss their babies have taken a wise and sound decision."

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Faith makes a fold; bigotry a fence.

The double minded are but half-witted.

Peace is the power gained through pain.

No pleasure comes from playing with life.

No good is any good unless it is soon outgrown.

You can usually tell a man's size by what he sees.

The surest, swiftest way of being damned is to do nothing.

Your imaginary wrongs cannot cover your real wrongdoing.

An ideal too heavy becomes a drag instead of an inspiration.

The man who does not have an uphill fight is going down hill.

The man who lies down on you never has any standing at all.

Living men cannot long be satisfied with dead men's prayers.

Being good is not much good unless your goodness makes good.

The trouble with many uplifters is that they are only onlookers.

Nothing will help you into heaven like helping others out of their hell.

Faith is something a good deal brighter and mightier than fear of the future.

It's no use talking about having faith in God unless you keep faith with men.

The pessimist usually thinks he is a literary character because he weeps ink.

There are too many people trying to make the bible popular by using it as a club.

It is not wise to trust the judgment of the man who fears that his reputation is not equal to his character.

WOMEN IN MEXICO.

High Up in the Ranks of Professional and Educational Life.

As an evidence of the progressiveness of their country the Mexicans point to its treatment of women, especially in the matter of education. All its national colleges and professional schools, including those of music and art, give free tuition and are open alike to men and women. Some twenty years ago, when the first woman was graduated from the medical school, the Minister of Education made her a present of a carriage and enough money to set her up in her profession. There are now in Mexico City alone at least ten well known women physicians, all having large and lucrative practices. The National Bureau of Education is composed of fifteen members, four of whom are women.

BELGIAN CHILDREN

This delight in the family life is characteristic of all Belgians. One sees in Brussels and Antwerp Monsieur promenading in the boulevard or the boys with a cigar in his mouth, Madame leaning on his arm, and the children, hand in hand, walking sedately under the proud eyes of their parents. One finds children in the restaurants and children in the music halls. The pleasures of father and mother are shared always with the nursery. To go junketing without the children would appear to the Belgian not only selfish but dull. His happiness is the happiness of his children. He sees the circus half with his own eyes and half with theirs. The toyshops and bookshops in Brussels tell of the paramount part played by the child. The happiness of this people is the pleasure of domesticity.

THE BLARNEY STONE.

Romance and Superstition Cluster Round It.

Among the old castles of Ireland none is more famous than Blarney, in County Cork. It is in the walls of this building that the Blarney stone is set, a stone that has given to English speech a name for what is otherwise sometimes known as "fluffy." The castle itself dates from the year 1466. It stands in a region which abounds in legend, tradition, and old-time belief in fairies. The author of "Bramble Land," Mr. P. F. Jones, visited the castle and its neighborhood a short time ago, and writes entertainingly on the subject.

Blarney Castle obtained its present fame from a famous stone, still in the walls, round which clusters much of romance and superstition. Tradition says that after Cormac MacCarthy had built the castle he chanced one day to save an old woman from drowning, who, to show her gratitude, offered Cormac a golden tongue which should have the power of fluent persuasiveness—a tongue that could influence men and women, friends and foes, as he willed. To get this power, however, Cormac must climb to the top of the castle, let himself down in some difficult way, and kiss a certain stone in the walls situated about five feet below the gallery running round the top. It is said that he followed the old woman's directions with great minuteness, kissed the stone, and at once obtained all the persuasive eloquence which had been promised him.

Soon the story was told throughout Ireland. It went also to other countries, and made Blarney one of the best-known castles in the world.

Walking round the top of the castle walls in the warm sunshine, I began to look for the noted stone, and at last found it held in place by two iron bands suspended from the very top of the stone battlements. A row of iron spikes had been placed on the top of the battlements above the stone to prevent foolhardy adventurers from attempting to kiss the stone by being let down over the walls by the heels, as was the custom at one time.

Now the pilgrim to this shrine of eloquence must get down on his knees, or lie flat down on the stones, bend his body at the waist and thrust his head and shoulders down about three feet through a square opening in the stones opposite the cornice, and in this position turn his neck and kiss the stone from the under side. An attendant with good muscles must be at hand to hold the heels of the one who attempts to kiss the stone, else by the law of gravitation he will topple over and go through the hole to the ground, a hundred and twenty feet below.

ODD CAUSES OF FIRE.

Will Catch in the Most Unaccountable Ways.

It seems almost a wonder that the world is not burned up, when one realizes what strange circumstances may cause a disastrous fire. In one case, according to a well-known insurance man, the peaceful crawling of an insect set a building on fire.

Some cotton waste had been used with mineral oil and then thrown away. An unlucky insect crawled through that oil-saturated waste, and then came out with some of the oily fibres adhering to its body. Subsequently it perambulated round the building, coming at last to the gas jet to meet its fate. The cotton fibres, still adhering to its body, caught fire, and the unfortunate insect dropped blazing to the floor, setting the place on fire.

Cotton waste was also partly responsible for another curious fire. This time an electric spark did the mischief, passing from a belt to some conducting substance near it and communicating with the cotton.

Two instances may be cited of fire being caused by water. In the first case a flood caused the water to rise inside a factory until it reached a pile of iron filings. When they came into contact with the water they oxidized so rapidly that they became intensely hot, and at last set fire to the woodwork near them, and so the building was destroyed.

In the other case the water from the engines during a fire found its way into a shed containing quicklime. The heat caused by the slaking of the lime set fire to the shed, and this to the other buildings.

Glass globes, which act as lenses, often cause fire, and it has been said that the convex glasses used in pavement lights are dangerous, and should be abandoned in favor of lights with flat tops.

One of the curious facts about fire is its contradictoriness. It seems to be animated by a kind of human obstinacy, or the contrariety of a malevolent spirit. Every man has had the experience of being bothered to set fire to a stove, fire will catch in the most unaccountable ways.

MEAL TIME IN SWEDEN

HOURS FOR SERVING THEM IN THAT COUNTRY.

Breakfast at 11.30, Dinner at 4.30 or 5—Schools Open Daily at 8.30 or Earlier.

"The Swedish maid is a very different person from the neatly dressed, capped and aproned maid so familiar at home. In Stockholm no costume in particular seems to be expected of the servant," writes the correspondent of an English paper.

"She appears to be usually dressed in a different colored skirt and blouse, without cap, and often without a collar. In times of stress she arranges a handkerchief upon her head, and if cold wears a little scarlet coat, which is more suggestive to the English mind of the golf course than of housework. She is, however, usually a capable cook, and having dished up her dinner waits at table, too.

BREAKFAST IN 11.30.

"In Stockholm breakfast is usually taken about 11.30 and dinner at 4.30 or 5. It requires a little time for English people to accommodate themselves to these hours, but there are consolations. Either coffee or porridge, or both, can be obtained early in the morning, and the long, dark evenings after the early dinner pass very pleasantly. Many of the schools in Stockholm begin work at 8.30 a.m., or even earlier; but there is a long break about 11 o'clock, when the children come home, hungry, cheerful and expectant of breakfast.

"As to the nature of the meal, it is difficult to prophesy. It may consist of beefsteak and onions or of eggs and pancakes. Potatoes and sausage in some form or other are usually provided, and the beverage is always milk and sometimes tea as well. In most households coffee is served between 1 and 2, and this meal is often the occasion of a pleasant little gathering of intimate friends.

PREAMBLE TO DINNER.

"Between 2 and 4 in the afternoon is the usual time for formal calls, and people then return for 4.30 or 5. The preamble to a Swedish dinner is often rather confusing to the uninitiated. There is usually a small table laid with different kinds of cheese, savories, butter and hard bread. We all help ourselves, and eat either standing or walking about the room. This done, we return to the big table and the real meal begins.

"Well-to-do Swedes usually content themselves with two courses, either meat and a sweet or soup and a sweet, as the case may be. Different varieties of stewed fruit are more frequently served with meat than with us, and I remember a dish which consisted of bacon, boiled paste and French plums, which seemed to one a strange mixture at first.

"At 9 o'clock tea is usually served with bread and butter, cheese and cold meats. Of the tea it must be said that it is quite harmless, but it is difficult to speak enthusiastically about it. It is not likely to keep awake even the lightest sleeper."

ENERGY FROM WASTE HEAT

Surplus Power Being Economized in England.

A generating station which produces 3,000 h.p. of electrical energy entirely from waste heat has just been started to work at Crook, County Durham, England.

The total amount of power annually wasted in the form of heat in Great Britain is enormous. Apart from the waste in factories, the blast furnaces and coke ovens of the United Kingdom alone produce waste heat equivalent to about half a million horsepower. On the northeast coast alone, according to a recent paper read before the Iron and Steel Institute, they emit waste heat equal to 200,000 horsepower night and day.

Of course all of the power produced in this way is not wasted. Some is used in heating the blast or in raising steam for blowing engines or other purposes. But there is still a large surplus of power available. The difficulty has been to find a market for it.

On the northeast coast a solution has been found. The district is covered by a network of mains belonging to the great electrical power companies there established. Their mains supply electric power to the railways, shipyards, collieries, etc., throughout the district. This enables the waste heat owner to dispose of his power. All he has to do is to convert it into electric power on the spot where his oven or furnace is situated, and then turn that power into the mains, by which it is carried ten, twenty, or thirty miles to where there is a demand for power. As no extra coal is burned to produce this waste heat the power is obviously much cheaper than that produced in the ordinary way.

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A meeting of the Women's Institute was held on the 18th at the residence of Mrs. T. Hubble. There were sixteen members and two visitors present. After the reading of the minutes the President called on Mrs. C. W. Dracup for the topic. The subject was "Spring time," and it was exceedingly well handled. Morle Todd gave a recitation, and after a song by one of the ladies, Mrs. W. Pollock gave an interesting reading. Mrs. B. Totton and Mrs. W. S. Deane sang, "Lead kindly light," and Miss Evelyn Matthews and Mrs. J. Snarr each contributed a good reading. It was decided that the next meeting take place at the residence of Mrs. Bert Nix on the afternoon of April 15th. A collection of 65c. was taken for the benefit of the Hospital for Sick Children, and the meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem.

Messrs. V. Taylor and S. Wallace, who have been doing a lively business in this vicinity with their sawing machine, finished up their season's work on Saturday by moving from Mr. B. Totton's to Mrs. W. Anderson's, where they cut ten cords of wood. Each stick was cut twice, and the work, moving and all, was accomplished in two hours. Can any one beat that?

Unfortunately the Epworth League had a very stormy night for their "at home" at Mrs. W. S. Dracup's. But those who went report a very enjoyable evening. The collection amounted to \$3.85.

Miss Gertrude Fletcher has returned home after spending a couple of weeks with friends in Picton.

The ladies of the W. M. Auxiliary intend holding a bag social in the Orange Hall on the evening of the 31st. A good program is being prepared, and the people are anticipating a good time. Mrs. Robt. Maybee is on the sick list. She is under the care of Dr. Towle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morton have moved to Campbellton.

Mr. Alex. Morton has moved on the farm lately purchased by him from his brother, W. J. Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morton have returned from their wedding trip.

Mr. G. H. McGee has moved on the farm on the 7th which he purchased from Mr. Alex. Morton.

Minto

(Received too late for last week.)

The regular meeting of our Literary Society was held last Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance, considering the weather. An excellent program was given. One item was a debate, "Resolved that the pen is mightier than the sword." Mr. Matt. Sine and Mr. Harper Rollins had the affirmative and Mr. Merritt Sine and Mr. Harvey Donald the negative. Both sides were most ably and intelligently dealt with, and were most interesting. The negative won.

The next meeting, which will be the last of the season, will be held on the 30th inst., when in addition to an excellent program refreshments will be served. Members free, others, 15c.

Mr. C. Tucker has been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold. He was greatly missed from the Literary. We hope he will soon be around again.

Minto postoffice and general store is about to change hands. Mr. Alex. Reid of Iyanhoe is to take possession in a few days. We are pleased to learn that a telephone is to be installed.

A very successful reorganization of the Salem Sabbath School was held on Monday evening, March 15th, and the following officers and teachers were elected for the year:

Supt.—Mr. Robert Kemp.
Sec.—Mr. Ernest Saries.
Treas.—Mr. Daniel Saries.
Organist—Miss Jennie Clement.
Librarian—Mr. Chas. Clement.
Teachers—Mrs. P. Hagerman, Mr. J. Sine, Mr. P. Hagerman, Miss Myrtle Weyman, Mrs. W. Johnston, Miss Jennie Clement.

Sabbath School will reopen on April 4th.

A gloom has been cast over our community by the sudden death of Mr. Geo. Wright. While driving to Spring Brook with a load of logs on Monday the 8th inst., he was seized with apoplexy, and was carried to the home of Mr. Hubbard Sine, where he died on the following Friday. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Rowe at Salem on Sunday and was very largely attended. The deepest sympathy is felt for his sister, Mrs. Wayman, and her daughter, who resided with him.

Nothing in the way of a Cough is quite so annoying as a tickling, teasing, wheezing, bronchial-cough. The quickest relief comes perhaps from a prescription known to Druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. And besides, it is so thoroughly harmless that mothers give it with perfect safety even to the youngest babies. The tender tongue of a simple mountain shrub give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its remarkable curative effect. A few days' test will tell. Sold by all dealers.

Madoc Junction Items

Mrs. D. L. Bennett of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Bennett.

Mrs. Wm. French had a thimble party one day last week.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. Bird took place from her late residence on Monday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Lake of Wooler officiating.

Mr. Alexander of Picton is spending a few weeks with his daughter, Mrs. W. Fitchett.

The weather is fine but quite cold.

Mrs. Fred Faulkner of Foxboro is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. Eggleton.

From another Correspondent.

A very sad event occurred on Saturday last in the demise of Mrs. Jerry Bird, after a short illness. While waiting on her children she contracted the measles, and as she was already in a weakened condition, complications set in.

She passed quietly away to be with her Saviour, whom she had served most faithfully here below. She leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband and four daughters, who have our deepest sympathy.

On Monday afternoon, March 22nd, the funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Lake of Wooler. The service was largely attended. Mrs. Bird was well and favorably known, about a mile from where she spent her married life. Her body was interred in Clarke's cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bennett of Rochester are home on a visit.

Miss Ethel Stapley and Master Oliver spent Sunday with their sister in Madoc.

Mr. Russell Stapley of Bannockburn has been home for a few days.

Mr. A. Alexander of Picton is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Fitchett.

Mr. Herman Bennett has been visiting friends at Aoucher's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and family visited her brother, Mr. H. Ashley.

Harold

(Crowded out of last week's issue.)

Miss Emma Rombough of Belleville is visiting her cousin, Miss May Ketcheson.

Mr. Geo. Wright, who was stricken with paralysis, died on Friday, the 12th at the home of his cousin, Mr. H. Sine, where he was carried when illness overcame him. His remains were taken to his home and the funeral took place on Sunday at Salem.

Mrs. H. McCormick and son of Belleville are guests of Mrs. E. Runnalls.

Mr. Wilbert Reid is suffering from quinsy.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald spent a few days with Madoc friends recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sargent of St. Ola were visitors at Mr. Thos. Cook's recently.

Mr. S. Lloyd of Buffalo is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. Bailey, and other relatives here.

Our teacher, Miss Brain, was the guest over Sunday of Madoc friends.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell of Anson visited friends here on Thursday.

Messrs. Earl and Geo. Bailey and wives attended the wedding of Mr. McCaw and Miss Love of Madoc.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Snarr were guests at the wedding of Miss M. Snarr and Mr. H. Morton of Wellman's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey and Mrs. Belshaw attended the wedding of Miss Mabel Archer and Mr. C. Holcombe in Marmora.

Mrs. Jas. Bailey is in Belleville on account of the death of her uncle, Mr. S. Brintnell.

Two of our esteemed young men, Messrs. Thos. and James Lloyd, left on Tuesday for Racoma, Sask., to join their brothers, Bert and Anson, who have been there for several months.

On Monday evening the neighbors gathered at their home to spend a pleasant evening and to express their good wishes towards them. When all had assembled Thos. was presented with a handsome watch fob, and James with a fountain pen and a pair of cuff links, and the following address was read:

MESSRS. THOS. AND JAMES LLOYD.

Dear Friends,—It is with regret we learn that you are soon to leave us to make your home in the distant West, and while the change is only one of the incidents that go to make up the program of life, it necessitates the severing of a very strong tie of affection that has formed between us. We feel keen interest in your success and well-being, and hope you may be bettered by the change. You have always been held in the highest respect by us and though you will soon be far away you will ever be held dear in the minds of those who have known you.

We present you, Tom, with this fob, and you, Jim, with the fountain pen and cuff links, hoping we may thereby convey to you by deed as well as by word, to some slight extent, our appreciation of you.

Signed on behalf of the neighbors,
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TIME OF KINRADE MURDER

New Line of Evidence at the Adjourned Inquest.

Hamilton, March 19.—To-night when the coroner opened his court, every available nook was occupied, even the platform on which the presiding officers' chair was placed, and which had on other occasions been scrupulously kept clear, being crammed. The body of the hall was a mass of humanity, crowded as closely together as possible.

The evidence which was submitted can be roughly divided into three sections. The first dealt entirely with the movements of the Kinrade girls and others; the second told of the presence in the neighborhood on the fatal day of a man whose movements were regarded as being suspicious by some witnesses, and the third and last section was the evidence of the doctors with regard to the result of their post-mortem examination.

ON BEHALF OF FAMILY.
It is of interest to note that the witnesses of the first and second class were called, so Crown Attorney Washington stated in an aside to the jury, at the request of Mr. G. Lynch-Staunton, K. C., who for the first time appeared in the interests of the family, and was associated with Mr. Thomas Hobson.

In the first place, it would seem that Mrs. Kinrade was on the street before 3.25 and after 3 o'clock, while Mrs. Clara Rudd, a neighbor, swore that she saw Ethel Kinrade in Herkimer street at 3 o'clock. In this she was supported by Charles Hossack, but there was a curious discrepancy between the witnesses. Mrs. Rudd stated that the girl was attired in a blue costume; Hossack was positive that the color of her dress was brown. Mrs. Rudd, however, has the advantage of being a woman, and the accuracy of the feminine sex for details of costume is a thing which no man can ever attain. There was, however, a remarkable expression of feeling in the court room as these details came forth. It was an expression to be felt rather than heard, and as if the eager auditors were of the opinion that at least some slight addition had been made to the slender array of facts of an absolute character which are in the hands of the Crown.

BRITAIN IS GRATEFUL.

Appreciation of New Zealand's Offer of Battleships.

A despatch from London says: The Earl of Crewe has expressed to Sir Joseph Ward Britain's appreciation of New Zealand's offer of battleships, which he had communicated to the King, the Premier and the Admiralty. Sir Joseph Ward, interviewed at Wellington, said the Cabinet was unanimous on the Imperial defence question. He added that the burden upon the British nation for naval expenditure was enormous, and every loyal subject must feel in a crisis like this that he is called upon to help the motherland by more than words. New Zealand, proud of her past proofs of loyalty, stood today among the first in the British dominions for ready and loyal response when the necessities of the empire called for it. At a dinner at Sydney on Monday night four citizens offered to contribute £25,000 if it were decided to present Britain with a Dreadnought by public subscription. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne agreed to call a meeting to consider the suggestion.

RABIES AT SIMCOE.

Young Lad Named Gurling Bitten on Thursday.

A despatch from Simcoe says: Rabies has again broken out in Simcoe. A small black dog belonging to Frank LaFortune, a liveryman, showing signs of having been affected, was destroyed last Friday, and one belonging to Mr. E. K. Puresl was shot on Saturday. It appears that LaFortune's dog bit a lad about eleven years of age named Gurling on Thursday, and it has been thought advisable to have the boy taken to the Pasteur Institute at New York. The Mayor has issued a proclamation that all dogs must be muzzled for two months, and it is hoped that this regulation will prevent any more trouble.

PANIC AT FIRE.

Narrow Escape of Audience at Kingston, Jamaica.

A despatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says: Fire broke out on Saturday night in a public hall of Kingston, where a cinematograph show was in progress, created great excitement among the audience and endangered for a while the life of everybody present. Only the coolness of the manager of the show and his attendants prevented a catastrophe.

Plans in Germany have been made for military service.

THE STRANGE MAN SEEN.

Then came a series of witnesses who gave evidence as to seeing a strange man in the neighborhood of the Kinrade house at a time which has so far been accepted as that at which the shooting took place. The most important of these was Mrs. King, who told that she saw a man running from an alley from which the Kinrade house could be approached. She was struck by what she termed his frightened looks, and watched him go to a neighbor's house, Mrs. Taylor's, knock, try the door, and remain there some minutes without getting a reply, and in the meantime throw anxious glances around. She saw him put his hand in his pocket several times, and stoop over a box of rags. She spoke to Mrs. Taylor, who told that she had also seen the man, but had been too frightened to open the door. Mrs. Taylor was called, but was not in attendance, and will give her evidence later.

THE MAN DESCRIBED.

A Mrs. Sarah Willis also saw a man run along the alley past her fence, but attached no suspicion to the circumstance, while a third neighbor, Mrs. Cassels, thought it was just a man delivering goods, running from his delivery wagon. On one point they were agreed. The man wore a peak cap and a short, medium dark jacket. One also said he was very fair.

THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Passing on to the medical evidence, it may be accepted as proved by Dr. Edgar, who, with the assistance of Dr. Balfie, made the autopsy, that Ethel Kinrade lived for ten or fifteen minutes after the wounds in the head were inflicted. She was actually killed by a bullet of 2 calibre through the heart. There were seven shots fired, which took effect, one only making both wounds in the scalp.

The inquiry was abruptly adjourned, for lack of further witnesses, until April 22nd, Mr. Blackstock saying that a lengthy postponement was necessary, indicating apparently that witnesses are to be brought from a distance.

YOUNG GIRL SHOT.

Little Son of Mr. Ryan of Middleton Wounds His Sister.

A despatch from Tillsburg says: The twelve-year-old daughter of Wm. Ryan of Middleton is still in a precarious condition from her wounds. The bullet passed entirely through her body. Ezra Parker, a brother-in-law of the girl, had been hunting on Monday and brought the gun to the house, laying it on the table. A brother of the injured girl, about ten years of age, began handling the gun, and accidentally discharged it, the ball striking the girl in the right side. She is doing as well as can be expected, and the physician in attendance expects her to recover. The girl's mother died about four months ago.

THE BANK STATEMENT.

Shows Good Times Heading Strongly to Canada.

A despatch from Ottawa says: According to the official bank statement it appears that during February the banks increased their note circulation by \$1,529,292. Deposits on demand decreased by \$317,928 and savings deposits by \$1,779,992. Call loans in Canada increased by \$3,256,140. Current loans in Canada show a reduction of \$4,013,552, call and short loans abroad show an increase of \$6,911,395. The general trend is to show that good times are heading strongly to Canada. Bank assets increased by \$7,469,948 and liabilities by \$6,450,915.

BLOWN FROM GUNS.

Daily Executions of Prisoners in Afghanistan.

A despatch from Peshwar, British India, says: It is reported that twelve hundred arrests have been made at Jellalabad, Afghanistan, in connection with the plot recently discovered to murder the Ameer, the heir-apparent, and the other members of the royal family. According to advices batches of prisoners are being blown from guns daily.

WARSHIPS FROM COLONY.

New Zealand Will Present Britain With One or Two.

A despatch from Wellington, N. Z., says: The New Zealand Government has offered to defray the cost of a first-class battleship of the latest type. The money for this purpose will be forthcoming immediately, and, if necessary, funds will be raised for the construction of a second battleship.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Mar. 23.—Flour—Ontario wheat, 90 per cent. patents, \$4.10 to \$4.15 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export. Manitoba flour unchanged; first patents, \$5.70 to \$5.80 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.70 to \$5.80, and strong bakers', \$5 to \$5.20.

Wheat—Manitoba wheat, \$1.20 for No. 1 Northern, and \$1.17 for No. 2 Northern, Georgian Bay ports. No. 1 Northern, \$1.25 all rail, and No. 2 Northern, \$1.22 all rail.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white 49c on track, Toronto; No. 2 Western Canada oats, 47 to 47½c, Collingwood and No. 3 46c Collingwood.

Peas—No. 2 83c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 73½ to 74c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 at 72½ to 73c on track, Toronto. Canadian corn, 71 to 72c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Cars, \$23 in bulk outside. Shorts, \$23 to \$23.50 in bulk outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$4.50 to \$5.50 for choice qualities, and \$3.50 to \$4 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, \$1.90 to \$2, and hand-picked, \$2.10 to \$2.15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, \$2 to \$2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$10.75 to \$11.25 per ton on track here, and lower grades, \$9 to \$10 a ton.

Straw—\$7 to \$7.50 on track.

Potatoes—67 to 68c per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 13 to 15c per pound; fowl, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 18 to 20c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 20 to 21c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 17c; inferior, 15 to 16c, creamery rolls, 25 to 26c, and solids, 21 to 22c.

Eggs—Case lots of new laid are bringing 20 to 21c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, 13½c per pound, and twins, 14 to 14½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 12 to 12½c per pound in case lots; mess pork, \$20 to \$20.50; short cut, \$23 to \$24.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 14½c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 10½ to 11c; shoulders, 10½c; backs, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 13c; tubs, 13½c; pails, 13½c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Mar. 23.—Peas—No. 2, 98½ to 99c. Oats—Canadian Western No. 2, 51 to 51½c; extra No. 1 feed, 50½ to 51c; No. 1 feed, 50 to 50½c; Ontario No. 2, 50 to 50½c; Ontario No. 3, 49 to 49½c; Ontario No. 4, 48 to 48½c; No. 2 barley, 65 to 66c; Manitoba feed barley, 59½ to 60c; buckwheat, 55½ to 56c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80 to \$6; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.30 to \$5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.10 to \$5.30. Winter wheat patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60; straight rollers, \$5 to \$5.10; do., in bags, \$2.35 to \$2.45; extra, in bags, \$1.95 to \$2.05. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$22; do., shorts, \$24; Ontario bran, \$23 to \$24; do., shorts, \$24.50 to \$25; Ontario middlings, \$25 to \$25.50; pure grain mouline, \$33 to \$35; mixed, \$28 to \$30. Cheese—Finest western, 13 to 13½c; eastern, 12½ to 13c. Butter—Fall creamery, 23c; Winter creamery, 21½c; dairy, in tubs, 18c; rolls, 19c. Eggs—25 to 26c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Mar. 23.—Wheat—May, \$1.14½ to \$1.14¾; July, \$1.15½; cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.16½ to \$1.17; No. 1 Northern, \$1.16½ to \$1.16¾; No. 2 Northern, \$1.13½ to \$1.14; No. 3 Northern, \$1.10 to \$1.12. Flour—First patents, \$5.65 to \$5.75; second patents, \$5.55 to \$5.65; first clears, \$4.40 to \$4.50; second clears, \$3.15 to \$3.25. Bran—In bulk, \$23 to \$23.50. Buffalo, Mar. 23.—Wheat—Spring wheat, steady; No. 1 Northern, extras, \$1.19½; Winter, steady. Corn—Lower, No. 3 yellow, 68½ to 69c; No. 4 yellow, 68½ to 69c; No. 3 corn, 68½ to 69c; No. 4 corn, 67½ to 68c; No. 3 white, 69½c. Oats—Easier; No. 2 white, 67½ to 67c; No. 3 white, 50½ to 50c; No. 4 white, 55½ to 55c.

Milwaukee, Mar. 23.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.19; No. 2 Northern, \$1.17; July, \$1.01½. Rye—No. 1, 80c. Corn—May, 60c. Barley—Standard, 68c; sample, 66 to 68c; No. 3, 67c; No. 4, 66c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Mar. 23.—Exporters' are in steady demand and prices firm at recent quotations. Butchers' cattle are unchanged, but extra choice animals are wanted, and the drift is for higher prices. Stockers and feeders firm at old rates. Supply limited. Calves—Slightly higher. Sheep and lambs—Strong demand at old rates, with a tendency to higher prices. Hogs—Rising; select quoted at \$7.15 f.o.b., and \$7.40 fed and watered.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ENDORSED

British Commons Passed Second Reading of Bill.

A despatch from London says: The House of Commons has again expressed a pious opinion in favor of woman suffrage. On Friday, by a vote of 137 to 122, it passed on its second reading the bill introduced by Hon. Geoffrey Howard, enfranchising every man and woman over 21 years of age, with one qualification, of three months' residence in one constituency. Premier Asquith, mentioning the division of the opinion in the Cabinet on woman suffrage, said the Government would not support the bill. Such a reform ought to be initiated by the Government. After a lengthy debate, the bill, at Mr. Asquith's suggestion, was referred to the Committee of the Whole House, one of the British Parliament's subterfuges for sending an undesired measure into oblivion.

EMBARGO RAISED.

Cattle From Michigan May Now Enter Canada.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The embargo against cattle from the State of Michigan has been raised by order in Council. It is still in force against live stock from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The relaxation so far as Michigan is concerned is due to the fact that the authorities are satisfied that the foot-and-mouth disease has been stamped out in that State and the raising of the embargo will facilitate the movement of export cattle, many of which go from Chicago across the Niagara Peninsula for shipment from New York or Portland.

FELL INTO UNUSEFUL WELL.

Body of Belleville Child Found on Premises of Hotel.

A despatch from Belleville says: David Brooks, three and a half years of age, son of Mr. S. Brooks, of this city, was on Saturday evening drowned by falling into an unused well on the premises of the Albion Hotel. The little lad wandered away from his home at 5.30 Saturday afternoon, and the body was discovered in the well on Sunday morning, at 10.30 by the hostler of the hotel.

"I HAVE DONE IT."

Thus Sharbot Lake Suicide Announced Act to Brother.

A despatch from Kingston says: "I have done it." In this brief sentence, William Blakely, Sharbot Lake, aged 22 years, announced to his brother that he had made a successful attempt to take his own life by swallowing a quantity of carbolic acid, on Saturday. For some time the young man had been acting in a strange manner, and his friends had been keeping watch on him. He died before medical aid could reach him.

EARL GREY'S SHIELD.

Terms of Competition by the Cadet Corps of Canada.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A challenge shield will be given by the governor-general to that town or city of 5,000 people or over, or the county in any province not having a town of 5,000 inhabitants, which can show the greatest portion of cadets to its municipal or county population on May 24, 1910. The shield will be held by that cadet corps of the winning city, town or county which upon inspection by the D. O. C. or other selected military officer shows the greatest proficiency in military drill and rifle shooting.

HIS EYES BLOWN OUT.

Charles Cowie Killed by Explosion on the N. T. R.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Charles Cowie, an employee of the Ideal Wire Fence Company engaged in blasting holes for telegraph poles along the National Transcontinental, was killed by a premature explosion on Tuesday. He was working by himself when the accident occurred. Both hands were blown off and his eyes were blown out. His wife and family reside in Scotland.

RECORD TRIP ENDED.

Inspector Pelletier Arrives Safely at Gimli.

A despatch from Gimli, Man., says: Sergt.-Inspector Pelletier arrived at Gimli on Thursday, practically completing the longest and most northerly trip ever undertaken into the far north of Canada, having travelled from Edmonton to the Great Slave Lake, thence to Fort Churchill by way of Cape Fullerton, then down the Great Nelson River, to Norway House, and across Lake Winnipeg to Gimli. Sergt. Pelletier left Edmonton last July, and interest was added to his adventure by the report that he and his party had perished.

Mr. Gerald H. Brown has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of Labor.

WERE RUSHED TO HASTINGS

One Thousand British Soldiers Taken in Automobiles.

A despatch from London says: An interesting experiment was made by the War Office on Wednesday to demonstrate the utility of the automobile as a means of rapid military transport to supplement the resources of the railroads. Acting on the assumption that a hostile army had landed at Hastings, and that the railroad was blocked with troop trains, a relieving force of 1,000 men with full war kit and guns was moved to the scene by automobiles. Some 500 machines, loaned by members of

the automobile club, picked up men and their accoutrements from the various barracks and conveyed them to the Crystal Palace, where the start was made. The machines travelled at the rate of twenty miles an hour over the hard frozen roads towards Hastings. The light cars with the men took the lead, leaving the heavier vehicles with the guns and stores to bring up the rear. Great crowds gathered along the route of the run to watch the column, which was over a mile long. At Hastings the cars were drawn up on the sea front.

WOLVES KILLED CHILD.

Strange Story From the North Told in Saskatoon.

A despatch from Saskatoon, Sask., says: A weird tale of the great northland is brought to Saskatoon by Fred Allingham and two companions, James and Mack J. Curtin, of this city, who have been spending the winter around Moose Lake, northwest of the Pass. According to Allingham's informant, a trapper had secured a number of young timber wolves, which he trained for driving the animals having remarkable endurance and speed. On one occasion the trapper had been away on a long journey. After finishing up a hard day, in which the animals had not received any food, as is the way in treating dog teams while travelling, as the driver and the team approached the shanty that was their home, his little three-year-old child ran out to meet them. As the famished animals reached her, they jumped on her, and she was dead before her father could raise a hand. Seizing a sharp axe from his "boat," the trapper went at the wild creatures, and never stopped until he had killed the entire lot, numbering five.

IMMIGRATION NOT SO LARGE.

Quite a Falling Off This Year as Compared with Last.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total immigration into Canada for the eleven months of the present fiscal year, up to the end of February, was 130,444, as compared with 247,056 for the same period of 1907-08, a decrease of forty-seven per cent. The immigration for the month of February was 4,791, as compared with 6,164 for February of last year, a decrease of twenty-two per cent.

AN EXTENSIVE FARMER.

Mr. Lawrence of Fort Vermilion Raised 6,000 Bushels of Wheat.

A despatch from Edmonton, Alta., says: No less than six thousand bushels of wheat were grown last season at Fort Vermilion, in the Peace River district, by Mr. Sheridan Lawrence, one of the early settlers in the country. The wheat was sold to the Hudson's Bay Company for \$1.25 per bushel, and will be ground at their mill on the Peace River. In addition to six thousand bushels of wheat, Mr. Lawrence raised last season three thousand bushels of barley and six hundred bushels of oats. Samples of this grain were brought to the offices of the Department of Immigration of the Dominion Government and were pronounced to be of very high grade.

NO FILLED CHEESE.

Evidence that Dairymen of Canada are Honest.

A despatch from Ottawa says: In a report on the cheese industry in Canada, based on the examination of 237 samples collected by of-

ficials of the Inland Revenue Department throughout Canada, it is stated that only two samples of skim milk cheese were found, which would indicate that the sale of this product is relatively unimportant in Canada. In commenting on this fact, the Dominion analyst considers this a very satisfactory state of things, since the demand for cheap and inferior articles in food is usually an indication of poverty on the part of consumers. Examination was also made for fat other than butter fat, but no foreign fat was found in any of them, which is pretty conclusive evidence that so-called "filled" cheese is not known in Canada.

TRAGEDY OF THE WEST.

Two Englishmen Found in Shack—One Dead, One Insane.

A despatch from Fernie says: Two Englishmen were found in a shack near the Great Northern station on Wednesday. One is dead and the other is in a dying condition. One appears to have been dead about two days. The other is demented, and can give no account of himself or of the dead man. By the labels on their baggage they appear to have left England in February last by the Empress of Britain. On the bed of the dead man was a purse containing nine sovereigns. There were also two Walham watches, four ten-dollar bills, several new suits of clothes, and gloves. Who the dead man is or how he died remains a mystery. The sick man was taken to the hospital, where it was found that his feet had been badly frozen, as the skin came off with the stockings.

EXPLOSION IN A SAWMILL.

Five Mill Hands Sealed—One Dead and One Will Die.

A despatch from Gore Bay says: News has reached here that on Friday last at Silver Lake, near Silverwater, Manitowish Island, the boiler in James Crawford's sawmill blew up, seriously wounding five mill hands—namely, J. E. Gwynn of Pembroke, James Hazard, Barney Addison, J. Ledeser and a man named Cronk Gwynn died of his injuries. Hazard cannot recover. The other three will recover.

WORKING NIGHT AND DAY.

Germany Paying Subsidies to Hasten Warship Building.

A despatch from London says: In connection with the debate on the naval estimates in Parliament on Tuesday, The Times on Wednesday morning asserted that Germany has been working at the highest pressure in certain dockyards, both night and day, to push the task of rebuilding battleships. This is not a building battleship. This is a rebuilding battleship. It is declared, by a German Government paying subsidies amounting in some cases to twenty-five per cent. more than the original estimate for work thus facilitated.

NEW UNITED STATES TARIFF

Drawback Arrangement Practically Means Free Wheat.

A despatch from Washington says: A hasty examination of the proposed new tariff bill on Wednesday convinced many persons that one great effect of the measure would be to increase competition from Canada. While it is true that general farm and garden produce is highly protected in the proposed law as it is at present, there are several important products of the soil on which the rates have been lowered. Although the duty of 25 cents per bushel is fixed on wheat, ex-Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota and several other authorities declared on Wednesday that the drawback arrangement provided in the bill would have the same effect practically as free wheat. Mr. Hansbrough believes that the wheat farmers of the

Northwest are left virtually without protection on their product, and it is already certain that a fight will be made on this provision of the new tariff measure. Canadian products generally figure prominently in the tariff bill, for the lumber duty has been cut in half, the duty on timber has been treated in the same fashion, wood pulp and paper materials have been placed on the free list, the duty on barley has been reduced from thirty cents to fifteen cents per bushel, the rate on cabbages from three cents to two cents, on bacon and hams from five cents to four cents, and so on with other products of Canadian soil and industry of greater or lesser importance. Reciprocity in coal is also

USING PURGATIVES INJURES THE HEALTH

In the Spring a Tonic is Needed—
But Not Harsh, Drastic
Medicines.

A spring medicine is an actual necessity to most people. Nature demands it as an aid in carrying off the impurities that have accumulated in the blood during the winter life of months. But unfortunately thousands of people who recognize the necessity for a spring medicine do not know what is best to take and dose themselves with harsh, gripping purgatives. This is a serious mistake. Ask any doctor and he will tell you that the use of purgative medicine weakens the system but does not cure disease. In the spring the system needs building up—par not more do this; they weaken you still more. The blood should be made rich, red and pure—no purgative can do this. What is needed in the spring is a tonic, and the best tonic medical science has yet discovered is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of this medicine actually makes new, rich blood. This new blood strengthens every organ, every nerve, and every part of the body. This is why they cure headaches and backaches, rheumatism and neuralgia, and a host of other troubles that come from poor watery blood. That is why men and women who take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills eat well, sleep well, and feel bright, active and strong. If you need a medicine this spring try this great reviving tonic, and you will find it will put into you the new life, new health and new strength it will put into you. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

CARE OF THE PIANO.

Never Allow Instrument to Stand
Close Against a Wall.

The dusting and polishing of the piano, whether it be a new and valuable baby grand, or the humble and more cozy upright, should never be left to the maid, but should be done by the daughter of the house herself. It should be done with fine cheese cloth or linen cloth, or, better still, with an old silk handkerchief. There should be neither seam nor hem in the dust cloth, as any inequality or hardness is apt to scratch the piano polish.

Cloudy spots are best removed by pouring a few drops of benzine on the dust cloth, and then rubbing lightly and in the same direction till they disappear. The carved legs should be dusted with a soft brush, as should also the rack and other ornamental trimmings.

To restore the whiteness of the keys wash lightly and most carefully, so no moisture gets into the instrument or between the keys, with a teaspoonful of hydro super oxide dissolved in a pint of water. The piano should never stand close against a wall; if practicable even the upright should stand fully out in the room. The direct rays of the sun upon it, dampness and drafts all should be carefully avoided. The piano should be entirely opened once a month and examined for moths, which are apt to establish themselves inside the felt and on ruin the instrument.

ENGLISH SHOPPING.

Toronto "Truth" says: We had no idea how easy and convenient it was to shop in England, until we made a trial of it recently with that old and reliable firm of Walpole Brothers, (established in 1766), 89 and 90 New Bond Street, London W. They also have shops at 103 and 110 High St., Kensington W. 6, Cadogan Place, South Kensington, and 128 Sloane Street, Hyde Park, End, London, England.

In 44 Bedford St., Belfast, and 8, 9 and 10 Suffolk St., Dublin, Ireland, they also have large retail stores. In Warrington, County Down, and at 2 and 4 Clarence St., Belfast, Ireland, their great factories are situated, which supply their enormous retail trade. They manufacture Irish table damask, household and family linens, cambric handkerchiefs, quilts and counterpanes, blankets and flannels, carriage and travelling rugs, muslin and lace curtains, ladies' and infants' hosiery of every description. This firm has the highest reputation for honorable dealing, and any person wishing to purchase any of their goods, may do so by correspondence, and may rely absolutely on their representations regarding the quality as well as the prices of their products.

The facilities afforded by the parcel post and express company arrangements between England and Canada render it perfectly safe and easy to order directly from this house. A catalogue will be mailed to any address on request to the New Bond St. shop, London, England.

The rattle of pans and dishes in the kitchen sounds better than classical music to a hungry man.

SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE.

Old Calling Has Not Altogether
Lost Its Followers.

The palmy days of the typical soldier of fortune are popularly supposed to have passed away. Nevertheless, there are still plums to be picked up here and there. Sergt. Baldock, for example, has just been appointed cavalry instructor to the army of Mulai Hafid, the new Emperor of Morocco. This means that he exchanges his "not-com."s" chevrons for an officer's epaulettes; while his former pay of a few shillings a day is increased to something like \$7,500 a year, with "allowances." And this delectable little billet has become his, curiously enough, because he fought so gallantly at Marakchah for Abd-el-Aziz, the old Emperor, whom Mulai Hafid defeated and deposed.

In the same way the Chinese Government took into its service during the great Taiping uprising quite a number of Europeans who had previously warred against them on the side of the rebels. Some of these were men of low origin—runaway sailors and the like—yet they frequently rose to high rank, and such as survived retired with their fortunes made for life.

It is well-known, too, to Britain's intelligence department that there are several men of British nationality dwelling on the other side of the northern frontiers of India amongst the warlike border tribesmen. Some of these are deserters from the British army, and would meet with short shrift if they were caught.

Others are civilian adventurers, ex-civil servants and the like. But they are soldiers of fortune, ready and eager to fight upon occasion, even against their own countrymen; and for the most part they make a pretty good thing out of it.

SLEEPLESS LITTLE BABIES ARE SICKLY BABIES

When babies are restless, sleepless and cross it is the surest possible sign that they are not well. Well babies sleep soundly and wake up brightly. Sleeplessness is generally due to some ailment of the stomach, or bowels, or cutting teeth. A few doses of Baby's Own Tablets will put the little one right and give it sound, natural sleep. Dr. J. G. Gonnell, St. Evariste, Que., says: "I have found Baby's Own Tablets a splendid medicine for constipation and stomach troubles. I give them to my little girl and they keep her lively and well." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

ALL GONE.

"Since it went dry," announced the prominent citizen, with pride in his voice, "our town is unexcelled."

"How do you make that out?" asked the casual visitor, who had seen better towns.

"Because," replied the prominent citizen, "it is now a good town, bar none."

A Woman's Sympathy

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden? Do you know these men to whom women have been discarded, too? But learned how to use medicine to relieve your burdens. Why not end the pain and stop the doctor's bill? I can do this for you and will if you will.

All you need do is to write for a free box of the remedy which has been placed in my hands to be given away. Perhaps this one box will cure you—it has done so for others. If not, I will be happy and you will be cured for 25 (the cost of a postage stamp). Your letters held confidentially. Write to-day for my free treatment. MRS. F. D. CURRAN, Windsor, Ont.

PUNISHMENT.

Lucy—"The wretch! And so he has been proposing to both of us!" Jenny—"It seems so."

"I wish we could think of some fearful way to punish him."

"I have an idea."

"What is it?"

"You marry him, dear."

These Pills Cure Rheumatism.—To the many who suffer from rheumatism a trial of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills is recommended. They have pronounced action upon the liver and kidneys and by regulating the action of these organs act as an alternative in preventing the admixture of uric acid and blood that causes this painful disorder. They must be taken according to directions and used steadily and they will speedily give evidence of their beneficial effects.

HOW PEANUTS ARE RAISED

Peanuts only thrive in a warm climate. The plant requires a limy, sandy loam, and yields from two bushels of pods planted an acre as much as 40 or 50 bushels of pods and two tons of straw. The seed is planted about one inch deep in rows from 28 to 36 inches apart, and from 12 to 16 inches in the row, when danger of late spring frosts are passed. After planting and during the growing period of the crop the soil is kept loose and open and free from weeds. The crop is harvested before frost in the fall, the plant being loosened by means of a special plow, then taken up and put into shocks. After drying from 15 to 20 days the pods are picked.

He Is Back At Work Again

Abraham Garand's Rheumatism Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

He suffered for five years and was four months off work, but Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him.

Alfred Station, Ont., Mar. 29 (Special).—After being laid off work for four months by kidney disease and rheumatism, from which he had been a sufferer for five years, Abraham Garand, a section man on the railway here, is back at work again and he gives all the credit for his cure to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I am forty-one years old," Mr. Garand said, when asked about his cure. "And have been section man here for ten years. For five years I suffered from kidney disease and rheumatism, and it scintillated in my right hip, which descended to my feet. For four months I could not work. Reading of cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills led me to try them. I used nine boxes in all and to-day I am advising all who suffer from rheumatism to use Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Rheumatism and sciatica are caused by diseased kidneys failing to strain the uric acid out of the blood. Cure the kidneys with Dodd's Kidney Pills and they will strain the uric acid out of the blood. Then you can't have rheumatism.

WORLD'S OLDEST SOLDIER.

Czar Kindly Greets a Veteran of 120 Years.

Probably the oldest soldier in the world, Andrei Nikolaiovitch Schmidt, who is aged 120 and fought in the Russian army during the Napoleonic wars, recently arrived in St. Petersburg with the object of seeing the Czar.

Through the newspapers at St. Petersburg have heard nothing of it, Schmidt was granted a private audience of the Czar. Schmidt was extremely proud, and despite his immense age he bore himself with martial air.

He was introduced into the Czar's study, and his Majesty received the veteran with extreme kindness. Schmidt answered several questions, but finally, overwhelmed with emotion, he broke down and burst into tears.

The Czar made the old soldier some valuable presents, and presented him to the Czarowitch and to one of the little grand duchesses. "After this happiness," old Schmidt declared, "I can die in peace."

"To-morrow," said five-year-old Sydney, proudly, to his teacher, "is my birthday." "Why," she replied, "it is mine, too." The boy could not make it out, and, after a brief silence, he exclaimed: "How did you get so much bigger'n me?"

Trial is Inexpensive.—To those who suffer from dyspepsia, indigestion, rheumatism or any ailment arising from derangement of the digestive system, a trial of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills is recommended. Should the sufferer be unacquainted with them, the result will be inexpensive and the result will be another customer for this excellent medicine. So effective is their action that many cures can certainly be traced to their use where other pills have proved ineffective.

More public clocks are displayed in New York than in London and Paris combined.

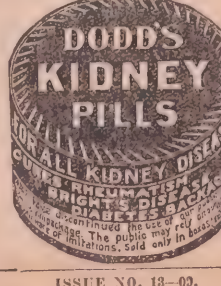
Be sure you get the kind you have always had. The D. & L. Monthly Pills. For rheumatism, neuralgia, etc., nothing is better. Made only by Davis & Lawrence Company.

Nearly two thousand memorials to Bismarck have been erected in Germany.

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Other people may have good taste, but of course yours is a shade better.

"If an empty barrel weighs ten pounds, what can you fill it with to make it weigh seven pounds?" "Have to give it up." "Fill it full of holes."



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FIENDISH CRUELTY OF MOORS

French soldiers in their late Moroccan campaign exercised great self-control, despite the awful tests put upon it by the cruel practices of the Moors. Of the scene after one battle a writer says: "As the chasseurs swept over the ground for the third time, they, indeed, saw sights which made them little inclined to grant the quarter prayed for by the wretches on whom they were spurring. Naked lay all their fallen comrades; one poor fellow had had his eyes gouged out; the blood was streaming from their sockets; he was still alive. Another had been disemboweled; a third was found with bound hands beside a fire, his head charred to a cinder."

NEGLECTED SCALD CAUSED MONTHS OF AGONY.

Spent Dollars in Vain, but Zam-Buk Cured Her.

Following we give the testimony of a lady who if she had known of Zam-Buk earlier would have been saved nine weeks of agony.

Mrs. Frederick Bryant, of 169 Railway Avenue, Stratford, Ont., says: "I scalded my foot while preparing supper. Next day the skin came off and my foot was in a serious condition. I could not wear my shoe and had to lay up for nine weeks. During this time I used dozens of salves, but none did any good, in fact the wound developed into a running sore. I got no rest day or night from the pain. At this point a supply of Zam-Buk was obtained and a few applications had immediate effect in soothing the pain and irritation. A small supply proved sufficient to heal the scald, although I had spent dollars in other remedies. New skin has now formed nicely over the open sore."

"Zam-Buk is the most wonderful and effective remedy I have used, and I advise others to use it." There is nothing to equal Zam-Buk as a family balm. Its uses are so wide. It has been proved a sure cure for eczema, ring-worm, ulcers, abscesses, piles, bad leg, suppurating wounds, cuts, bruises, chapped hands, cold cracks, and all skin injuries and diseases. Rubbed well into the part affected it cures rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, etc. All druggists and stores sell at 50c. per box, or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, on receipt of price.

Bank Clerk—"You will have to be identified, ma'am." Lady Customer—"My friend here will identify me." Bank Clerk—"But I don't know her." Lady Customer—"Oh, well, I'll introduce you."

Repeat it: "Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

She—"I'm going to cook dinner to-day myself. What would you like dear?" He—"Er—cold beef and pickles."

Holloway's Corn Cure is a specific for the removal of corns and warts. We have never heard of its failing to remove the worst kind.

"Your hair wants cutting badly, sir," said a barber insinuatingly to a customer. "No, it doesn't," replied the man in the chair; "it wants cutting nicely. You cut it badly last time."

Merchant—"Yes; we are in need of a porter. Where were you employed last?" Applicant—"In a bank, sir." Merchant—"Did you clean it out?" Applicant—"No, sir. The cashier did that."

Pale, sickly children should use Mother Graves' Worm Expeller. Worms are one of the principal causes of suffering in children and should be expelled from the system.

Nine men out of a possible ten wear a sad look after they have been married a year.

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Teacher—"What did the Indian children play with?" Bright Pupil—"With their warwhoops."

"A Grand Medicine" is the encomium often passed on Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and when the results from its use are considered, as borne out by many cured persons who have employed it in stopping coughs and eradicating colds, it is more than grand. Kept in the house it is always at hand and it has no equal as a ready remedy. If you have not tried it, do so at once.

First Passenger—"Pardon me, but would you mind lending me your spectacles a moment?" Second Passenger—"With pleasure, sir." First Passenger—"Thanks, awfully. And now, as you can no longer read your newspaper, would you kindly pass it over to me?"

Chilled to the Bone? A teaspoonful of Peppermint in a cup of hot water sweetened will warm you and avert a cold. Avoid stimulants, then, but one "Peppermint"—Ferry Davis'—will do.

Butcher—"I need a boy about your size, and will give you \$3 a week." Applicant—"Will I have a chance to rise?" Butcher—"Yes; I want you to be here at four o'clock in the morning."

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Tramp—"Help me lady, please! For three years I worked for the cause of temperance." Lady—"Were you a temperance orator?" Tramp—"No; I was the horrible example!"

A GREAT ENGLISH RAILWAY.

London and Northwestern is One of the Most Popular.

Among all the great railways in England the London and Northwestern stands out as one of the best managed, safest and smoothest railways in that tight littleisle. Travellers from this side of the water are landed in Liverpool right alongside the commodious and convenient Riverside Station of this railway, where, without any extra cost for transfer of luggage, and with the utmost facility and despatch, and without leaving cover, they can take the train for any part of the United Kingdom. Special corridor trains, three or four if necessary, for London, are always in waiting on the arrival of the great steamships, that there may be no delays whatever. These trains are models of excellence and convenience, and have luxurious dining cars attached, generally two on each train, where most excellent meals are well served at reasonable prices. The coaches are kept very clean, and are well hung, and as the roadbed is one of the best in England, there is very little vibration, even when travelling at sixty to seventy miles per hour.

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Success is the only thing that can turn a man's head when he has a stiff neck.

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We Must Go from heated rooms to the cold air, and the change sets us coughing. Cough winter colds is not hard if you take Allen's Lung Balm. A neglected cold is troublesome and dangerous.

After telling an old man your troubles he will proceed to tell you a few of his that make yours look like thirty cents.

In Fields Far Off.—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is known in Australia, South and Central America as well as in Canada and the United States, and its consumption increases each year. It has made its own way, and all that needs to be done is to keep its name before the public. Everyone knows that it is to be had at any store, for all merchants keep it.

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Alcohol a Poison

Experts Speak Slightly of its Medicinal Use

Alcohol was put in a category with smallpox virus and tuberculosis bacilli by most of those who addressed the meeting at Washington last week of the American Association for the Study and Cure of Inebriety and Alcoholism. It was denied a place in therapeutics, except side by side with poisons. Alcohol as a base for popular beverages is doomed, according to many of the speakers, and has a future only as a brewer for power production. All the breweries and distilleries now in the country will not be adequate for the production of the alcohol needed when engines for its economical and effective use are perfected, said one speaker.

Of alcoholism, the speakers were united only in declaring it a disease. They differed widely in prescribing a remedy, the cures endorsed ranging from the workhouse to the present hospital treatment, and including hydrotherapy, Turkish baths, Battle Creek diet methods and hypnotism.

Dr. Henry O. Marcy, former President of the American Medical Association, declared that the anti-alcohol movement in the south was due to a realization of the social and economic perils of liquor drinking by the laboring classes, especially the negroes.

Woman Suffrage

The very fact that woman is usually held responsible for the home is the strongest possible reason why she should have the right to vote in deciding the laws made to protect the home. The State of Wyoming has allowed women to vote for nearly forty years, and the Bishops and leading clergymen of that State are very strongly in favor of woman suffrage. They speak from experience and not merely from narrow prejudice.

The experience with woman suffrage in Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho and Utah has been so completely satisfactory that very recently the States of Washington and South Dakota have granted women the right to vote on an equality with men by an almost unanimous vote of both Houses of their Legislatures. Two other Legislatures in California and Nebraska gave a majority recently in favor of woman suffrage, but not the two-thirds majority required by their constitution. The Legislature of Kansas has recently granted women the right to vote in Presidential elections. The announcement was made a few days ago that Sweden has granted full suffrage to women. Women in Finland vote and sit in Parliament. Three-fifths of the women in Norway vote. The English and the Danish women vote in municipal elections. The women in Australia and in New Zealand have full Parliamentary suffrage.

No other great movement is making more rapid progress than the suffrage movement, and wherever women have the right to vote, both parties have to nominate decent men in order to secure the support of the women.

Wherever woman has been granted the right to vote it has been found that the home has been made more safe.

Assistance in Underdrainage

Demonstration of Methods of Surveying for Drainage

Underdrainage will pay for itself in from one to three years. Perhaps no example in Ontario demonstrates this more conclusively than the drainage of the "Rittenhouse farm" at Jordan Harbour, in the Niagara peninsula. Originally it was very wet, so much so indeed that often the crops were scarcely worth cutting. In 1900 Mr. M. F. Rittenhouse of Chicago gave it to the Government for an horticultural experiment farm. In 1907 it was underdrained, the lines of tile being laid about four and a half rods apart. In many places the subsoil was very, very heavy, so that the digging was hard and the cost high, about \$25 an acre. In 1908 on the part that was formerly the wettest it grew 65 bushels of oats to the acre, thereby practically paying for the drainage in one season, for the year previous the oats on the same land were not worth cutting.

The Rittenhouse farm was surveyed and the drainage system for it planned by the Department of Physics at the Ontario Agricultural College. Any farmer in Ontario who is contemplating underdrainage may on application have his farm surveyed, the drains planned, and the grades determined. A finished map containing this information and also the size of tile advisable is sent to the owner as soon as completed. The only outlay connected with the survey is the travelling expenses of one man from Guelph to the farm, consisting of an Ontario Agricultural College. A large number of applications are already in for this season.

Have you a pain of any kind, anywhere? Stop just a minute and think. It matters not whether it be womanly pains, head pains, or any kind of a pain, one of Dr. Snodgrass' Little Pink Pain Tablets will surely stop it in 20 minutes. Formula plainly printed on the 25c. box. Sold by all dealers.

WOMEN ARE WOMEN.

A Rather Roundabout Way to Prove the Proposition.

Men say women are angels; women say women are cats. Let us pursue a moment and reason upon this thing.

If women are angels—however, that does not seem to be the proper starting point. Let us try again.

If angels are cats—no; that is hardly reasonable, for angels have wings, and cats do not fly. We must begin again.

If women are cats—but that isn't possible, for cats do not talk, and how could a dumb animal express an opinion in words of a woman? Whatever this may think, they never say a word about men, while women—well, women are not cats.

Now let us return to the first proposition.

If women are angels, they wouldn't talk that way.

Once upon a time a man married a woman. He said she was an angel; the woman said she was a cat. Flippant man, not to know the difference between an angel and a cat!

Men say women are angels, and by this token women say angels are cats. Therefore, angels being cats, cats must be angels, and, both being the same, women are women.

Which is precisely what they are.—W. J. Lampton in Lippincott's.

NEW MEXICO.

How That Portion of Northern New Spain Got Its Name.

The country now called Mexico was not so called till 1810, when the revolt against Spain began. Up to independence the country was called New Spain and was divided into the same number of provinces as Spain, each with a name of a province in Spain, with the prefix of "new," but New Mexico was not included in this division. It got its name in this way:

In 1561 Francisco Ibarra was in charge of an expedition of exploration into what is now northern Durango and southern Chihuahua and discovered an Indian village near where Santa Barbara now stands in which the houses were whitewashed and the people made and wore cotton cloth, raising the cotton in the neighborhood. He wrote an account of his discovery to his brother in the City of Mexico, telling him he had discovered "una nueva Mexico," a new Mexico, another Mexico, meaning that he had found another town like the City of Mexico, and thereafter all this portion of northern New Spain was known as "Nueva Mexico"—that is, New Mexico—which name it has retained, though now much reduced in extent.—Las Vegas Optic.

Muskats for Meat.

Of all animals that supply meat to man the muskrat has been the most abused and the least understood, says the Baltimore Star. Its name had bred in the public mind a prejudice that has been almost unconquerable, but truth will prevail in spite of fate. As a fact the muskrat is one of the neatest and most delightful of animals. It is a crank in cleanliness. It dines with the care of an epicure. It eats only the whitest and tenderest morsels. And its flesh has qualities that can be compared only to terrapin. Indeed, there are good people along the Chesapeake, where all the best things live and grow, who find in the well served muskrat satisfaction that is equal to the diamondback. Only the ignorant and the prejudiced think differently, and they may be educated.

Ripening Bananas.

It is a familiar fact that bananas are imported green, but it came as a new thing to a visitor to the banana district in Colombia to find that bananas are not permitted to ripen on the plant even down there. They are cut and set to hang somewhere until they wither ripe, as the phrase is. Do not have to be yellow to be ripe. That is only the color of the skin when it has dried up. To the person who is accustomed to eating bananas only when they are yellow it seems odd to peel them when they are green and find that they are perfectly ripe within and fit to eat.

The Prisoner's Retort.

It is a prison chaplain's duty to give a departing prisoner good advice and to exhort him to be a decent and honorable man in the future. In the course of one of these interviews a chaplain said, "Now, my friend, I hope you'll never have to come back to a place like this."

The prisoner looked at him thoughtfully and then asked, "I say, chaplain, you draw a salary here, don't you?" When the chaplain replied in the affirmative the prisoner remarked, "Well, say, if me and the other fellows didn't keep coming back you'd be out of a job."

Didn't Need a Doctor.

"Let me kiss those tears away!" he begged tenderly. She fell in his arms, and he was busy for the next few minutes. And yet the tears flowed on. "Are you suffering?" Can nothing stop them?" he asked, breathlessly sad.

"No," she murmured. "It's only a cold, you know. But go on with the treatment."

Cheering Her.

Macdougall (to his new fourth wife): "The minister doesn't approve of my marrying again, an' sae young a wife too! But, as I tell him, I canna be any bairn, bairn!"

In this world it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.—Beecher.

Spring Brook.

St. Patrick's day was celebrated here in real old fashion. Blood and whiskey galore were in evidence, and like Hilley's birthday party. "Everything was done in Irish style that night." We understand that the Magistrate will lift the matter.

Amos News.

The young people of Wellman's and Amos spent a very pleasant evening at Mr. G. A. Eggleton's on Wednesday last. Oysters and other refreshments were served.

Mr. A. L. Burke is visiting his parents at Fuller.

Mr. H. Brown and family of Sine, and Mr. and Mrs. Clement and family of Stirling spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brown.

Miss Hazel McMullen spent Sunday at her home.

Mr. Bert Eggleton had the misfortune to hurt his eye. Although very painful it is improving nicely under the care of Dr. Zwicker.

The many friends of Mr. G. A. Eggleton sympathize with him in the loss of his sister, Mrs. J. Bird of Tufsville.

Mrs. Cody of Brighton is the guest of Mrs. G. A. Eggleton.

Rush From United States.

This year 70,000 American citizens, all of whom constitute a most desirable class of immigrants, will cross the border into Canada, become British subjects, and reap their share of the golden harvest of the great Canadian west. This will be an increase of from 50 to 60 per cent over the number of Americans who settled in western Canada last year. Such was the substance of the remarks of Mr. W. J. White, inspector of Canadian immigration agencies in the United States, who has just returned from an extended trip through the central and western States in his official capacity. "They are a splendid class of people," continued Mr. White. "Practically all of them speak English well and many of them are taking with them into our Dominion large capital."

FRUITS OF QUEENSLAND.

Coffee and Banana Are Two of Its Biggest Crops.

The Beachcomber of Dunk Island, North Queensland, thus describes coffee growing in his book "The Confessions of a Beachcomber": "In the case of coffee a plentiful supply of cheap labor is essential to success. Those who by judicious treatment of the aboriginals command their services have so far made a profit. A coffee plantation suggests pleasant pictures, and spicy things. The orderly lines of the plants, in glossy green adorned for a brief space with white, frail, fugitive flowers distilling a deliciously sweet and grateful odor, the branches crowded with gleaming berries, green, pink, and red, present a pleasing aspect. As a change to the scene of the jungle a coffee estate has a garden-like relief. But picking berry by berry is slow and monotonous work, vexatious, too, to those mortals whose skin is sensitive to the attack of green ants. Then come the various processes of the removal of the pulp, first by machinery, finally by the fermentation of the still adhering slimy residuum; then the drying and saving by exposure to the sun on trays or tarpaulins until all moisture is expelled, and the hulling which disintegrates the parchment from the twin berries, the winnowing, and finally the polishing.

Do drinkers of the fragrant and exhilarating beverage realize the amount of labor and care involved before the crop is taken off and preserved from deterioration and decay? A few berries that may have become mildewed during the slow, tedious and anxious process of drying in the sun may violate the delicate flavor and aroma which the grower has been at pains to secure and fix. No one need starve or pine for lack of whole some, appetizing, and nutritious food while the banana grows as it does in North Queensland, and, common as it is, the banana is one of the curiosities of the vegetable world. One writer says: "It is not a tree, a palm, a bush, a vegetable, nor a herb; it is simply a woody plant with the stature of a tree, and is perennial." He adds that the fruit contains no seed, though he qualifies the latter statement by remarking that he had heard of fully-developed seeds occasionally appearing in the cultivated fruit "when left to ripen on the tree," and further that the varieties of the banana which propagate themselves by seed are reported to be found in some parts of Eastern Asia.

In the most popular of the cultivated varieties, the far-famed Musa Cavendishii, there is little of graceful form save the broad leaves mottled with brown. All the vitality of the plant is expended in astonishing results. A comparatively lowly plant, its productions in suitable soil are prodigious. In nine or ten months after the planting of the rhizome it bears under favorable conditions a bunch weighing as much as 120 pounds to 160 pounds, and comprising as many as 48 dozen individual bananas. So great is the weight that to prevent the downfall of the plant a stake sharpened at each end—one to stick into the ground, and the other into the soft stem—is needed to buttress it. Before the fruit has fully developed other shoots have appeared; but each plant bears but one bunch, and when that is removed the plant is decapitated and slowly decays, and the second, third and fourth shoots from the rhizome successively arrive at the bearing stage, and are permitted to mature each its bunch, and then fated to suffer immediate decapitation.

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In the judgment of many readers the most interesting editorial page in Canada is that of the Toronto Daily Star. Mr. John Lewis, author of the Life of George Brown, and for many years chief editorial writer on The Globe, is The Star's chief writer, and the staff has recently been increased by the accession of Mr. Joseph T. Clark, "Mack," formerly editor of the Saturday Night. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Clark stand in the first rank of their profession in Canada, and the combination of two such writers on the staff of the same paper is something unique in Canadian journalism. The Star's editorials are always sane, progressive, exceptionally free from bias, political or otherwise, and always eminently readable. Special contributions, in which "Mack's" personality is particularly noticeable, are now an outstanding feature of the page, so that altogether it is little wonder that it is popular.

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PERSONALS.
Mr. D. F. Bissonnette is spending the
week with his brother-in-law, and friends
in Waterford.
Mrs. R. S. Anderson (nee Miss Rose C.
Warren) of Cobalt, arrived home on 17th
inst. and will be the guest of her parents
at "Maple Lodge," Preneuve, until Easter
Monday.
Mr. Arthur Vandervoort, who visited
Dr. F. C. Weaver of Lockport for a few
days, after attending the Grand Lodge A.
O. U. W. in Toronto last week, returned
home on Tuesday.
Presentation at Wellman's
On Thursday evening, Feb. 25, about
one hundred of the friends of Mr. and
Mrs. W. J. Morton and family met at
their home at Wellman's Corners to do
them honor previous to their moving to
Campbellford to live. An enjoyable
social evening was spent, a pleasing
feature of the program being an address
and presentation. Mr. G. W. Dracup
acted as chairman of the gathering, and
Mr. E. Jackson read the address, to
which Mr. Morton made a very appropri-
ate reply. Following is the address:
To Mr. and Mrs. Morton.
Dear Friends:—We, your many friends
and neighbors, have assembled this evening
for the purpose of showing the esteem
and respect we entertain for you, and to
express our regret at your departure from
our midst. To many of us the pleasure of
this evening is greatly marred by the
thought of the loss we are about to sustain
through your removal hence. Your resi-
dence among us has given us ample op-
portunity of knowing you well, and to
us who have known you most intimately
you have greatly endeared yourselves by
your honor, integrity, sympathy and char-
acter. In hours of bereavement you have
shared and lightened many a sorrow. In
hours of joy and prosperity you have re-
joiced with us, and in times of misfor-
tune and adversity you have given en-
couragement and held out the helping
hand. We feel that your loss is very great,
but we are comforted by the thought that
your removal will place you beyond
our reach, and that the tie of friendship
which has long bound us need not be
severed. Our sincere prayers and our
very best wishes attend you in your new
home. May God's blessing rest on you,
and may He give you health, happiness
and prosperity, and may your declining
years be full of love, peace and joy, and
after life's struggles are past may we all
meet as loving friends in that home where
partings are unknown. As tokens of our af-
fection and esteem we beg you to accept
this hall rack and parlor table, wishing
that they may not only prove useful but
may serve as pleasant reminders of the
many warm hearts you have left behind.
Signed on behalf of your many friends,
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Train calls at Stirling station as follows:
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Passenger. 6.45 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8.41 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1909.
LOCAL MATTERS.
We are again compelled to hold over
several articles. They will appear in
our next issue.
Mr. E. T. Goldsmith has bought the
business recently carried on by Hanna
Bros., also the building, and took pos-
session on Monday last.
Mr. G. P. Hanna has purchased the
butcher business of Mr. A. H. Sealey,
and has taken possession. See his
advertisement in another column.
FOR SALE—A baby carriage, cheap. Ap-
ply to MRS. C. F. WALT.
The fifth Silver Medal Elocution con-
test will be held in St. Andrew's lecture
room on Monday next, at 7.30 p.m. Silver
collection at the door.
All citizens interested in the success
of the Firemen's and Old Boys' Reunion
Demonstration requested to meet in the
Council Chamber at 8 p.m. on Mon-
day, March 29th.
FOUND—In Stirling, on Saturday, a
Brooch. The owner can have same by
calling at this office.
Mr. E. Naylor, just north of the vil-
lage, will have an auction sale of im-
plements, household furniture and other
articles on Tuesday next, March 30th.
See posters for particulars.
The Rev. R. P. Byers of Toronto,
who is to occupy the pulpit of St. An-
drew's church during the coming two
months is expected in the village to-
morrow (Friday).
WANTED—Eggs and deakin skins, for
which the highest price will be paid. Will
be on the road shortly. J. W. ROSEBUSH.
Messrs. W. A. McKee, P. E. McKee,
W. R. Howson and Dr. Sprague were
in Campbellford on Wednesday even-
ing of last week, assisting in the in-
stitution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons.
Mr. T. McLaren, of the firm of Peden
& McLaren, architects, and Mr. Anglin
of the firm of Byers & Anglin, contrac-
tors, were in town on Friday last, in-
specting the work on the new Bank of
Montreal building.
Mr. W. D. McMillan, who has been
attached to the Bank of Montreal staff
here, has been transferred to the Col-
lingwood branch, and left for there on
Monday last. Mr. W. Arthur Moore
has received an appointment with the
local branch.
Keep in mind the sale of fancy work
and the tea to be held in the Methodist
church on Tuesday, April 6th. Sale
begins at 4.30 p.m.; 15c. tea served un-
til 6.30. Program begins at 7.30, for
which an admission fee of 10c. is asked.
The question "What is being done
about the 24th of May celebration?" is
being asked by a good many interested
citizens. It is understood that officers
were elected to look after preparations,
committees were appointed to arrange
programs for the day and evening, yet
nothing has been done so far. The
day is now only two months distant.
Is it to be a success?
Rev. B. Greatrix of Belleville gave
two very able sermons in the interests
of the Educational Fund in the Meth-
odist church on Sunday. Mrs. C. D.
Black of Nanapanee assisted the choir
at both services and rendered two greatly
appreciated solos. Mrs. Black, who has
won considerable recognition as a solo-
ist, possesses a sweet soprano voice,
and is always a welcome singer to the
Methodist congregation in Stirling.
The public meeting in the Opera
House last Thursday evening in the
interests of Education, was well at-
tended, though not as many of the
heads of families were present as there
ought to have been. The addresses
given by Messrs. Morgan and Mackin-
tosh were exceedingly good. Our re-
porter not being able to be present we
cannot give a report of the many good
things said by the talented speakers.
Rev. F. A. Robinson preached to a
large congregation on Sunday evening,
it being his last service in St. Andrew's
until the last Sunday in May. A feel-
ing and helpful discourse was given from
the text "I commend you to God."
Mr. Robinson left on Monday evening
for British Columbia, to assist in an
evangelistic campaign against the gi-
gantic evils and vices so prevalent in
certain districts there. He is one of
six selected by the Presbyterian
Church of Canada for this work, and
those who have seen his untiring efforts,
both in the ministry and in all that was
for the betterment of the public life of
our village, are confident that his
Church's choice in this respect is a wise
one and that Mr. Robinson will be a
power for good in the work to which he
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Rawdon Council
Rawdon Town Hall, March 22, '09.
The regular meeting of Rawdon
Council was held on above date. Mem-
bers present, Wm. Rodgers, Thos.
Montgomery, and Robt. Meiklejohn.
Minutes of last meeting were read
and approved.
The Road Surveyor reported on the
ditch on lot 12, con. 1.
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Notice is hereby given in pursuance of the
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executrix of the estate of the deceased, at
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by affidavit.
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proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased
among the parties entitled thereto, having
regard only for the claims of which the said
notice, and that the said Executrix will
not be liable for such assets or any part there-
of to any person or persons of whose claims
notice shall not have been received by her at
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G. G. THRASHER,
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A Tale of Love and Disappointment

CHAPTER XXI.—(Cont'd.)

The Earl was evidently in great pain, but the medicine quickly relieved him, and in a few minutes his face resumed its ordinary expression, save for the dull pain in his eyes.

"Can I see Miss Josephs tonight?" he asked at last.

"The morning will do. She is in bed," Joel replied triumphantly.

"I think I too will retire," the Earl said as he struggled. "Cyril, will you help me upstairs?"

"Yes, father," he answered as he took him by the arm. "It is early yet, Mr. Josephs. Can't you spare me a few minutes? I will come down at once."

"Certainly," Joel replied, "I am in no hurry for bed."

Harecastle tenderly led his father to his room.

"Don't worry," he said soothingly. "Perhaps we shall find a solution."

"You do forgive me, Cyril? I have brought you this terrible trouble," he asked appealingly.

"I forgive you, father," Harecastle said gravely. "Try your best to sleep. I will do my best to persuade Joel to forgo his intention. I will look in on my way to bed to see if you are asleep."

"I don't deserve such kindness, my lad," the Earl said huskily.

Then Harecastle did a thing that he had not done for years. He bent down and kissed his father's forehead. A convulsive sob broke from the Earl, and he silently pressed his son's hand.

Harecastle felt that the coming interview was a forlorn hope, but he could not miss the faintest chance of moving the Jew. Joel was pacing to and fro, and he smiled genially when Harecastle made his appearance.

"I am glad to see that the Earl is inclined to view things sensibly," he remarked pleasantly. "Take a cigar, and a whisky and soda."

"No thank you, sir," Harecastle replied coldly. "I am here to make one last endeavor to save my father. Be generous, Mr. Josephs. He is an old man, and very frail. He cannot live very long, and I pray you not to embitter his last days."

"You have said all that before," Joel said quickly, "and if that is all, you may as well be silent."

"I cannot. I must try to persuade you. I am sure that my father will not succeed in persuading your daughter. I can do nothing to help him; she has suffered enough on my account. Do you realize that it is your own flesh and blood that you are torturing? She will feel the blow as keenly as we shall. You love her, although it must be a curious kind of affection. Do you wish to lose her love? She is as strong willed as you, and she will keep her word. It is love for me that is animating her; I own it gladly. Can you not appreciate such large-heartedness? There are very few women who would behave so nobly; you ought to aid her rather than hinder her."

"Very pretty. Very pretty indeed. You speak like a penny

"I think that his state is grave, and I wish the doctor would be quick. How far has he come?"

"About three miles. I have sent the chauffeur in a car, so he will not be very long. I am very sorry this has happened, Harecastle. Believe me, I am," Joel said earnestly.

In a very short time the doctor arrived, and they both remained downstairs awaiting his report. His face bore an expression of great gravity when he made his appearance.

"The Earl is dangerously ill," he said in answer to their questions. "Will he live?" Harecastle asked.

"I cannot say. It must be kept quiet. I will send a nurse as soon as possible."

"Is it likely to be a long illness? There is a marriage to take place in a week," Joel asked eagerly.

"The Earl will not be able to be moved for a long time, possibly months," the doctor replied, and Joel's face fell at the news.

Mrs. Goldberg was roused early in the morning, and she at once took the direction of affairs in her own hands. She did not consult her brother, but quickly informed all the guests that the marriage must be postponed.

At last Rebekah's bell rang, and Mrs. Goldberg hastened to her room.

"What is the matter, aunt? Why was I not called?" she asked.

"The Earl is ill, and your marriage has been postponed," she answered hurriedly.

"Poor old man," she said sadly. "Is he dangerously ill?"

"Yes, my dear. Cyril has sent to town for Sir Francis Lockyer."

"More trouble for him," she said with sympathy. "I will get up; he will surely need some one to comfort him."

In a few hours Sir Francis Lockyer, the specialist, arrived, and he bore out the local doctor's opinion.

"He is evidently troubled about something, and it is vital that he should be kept as quiet as possible. It is the only chance of saving his life," he said with ominous gravity.

Rebekah sat down by the Earl's side, and he brightened up at her presence.

"Child, I have sent for you. I want you to do me a favor. Will you marry Cyril?"

"Don't trouble yourself. Cyril and I are agreed," she said quietly.

"But your father—his threat?" he whispered hoarsely.

She was stricken with horror. Her father, then, was the cause of this seizure. He must have told the Earl of his intention of destroying him. She hastened to comfort him.

"Don't fear. He will not do it. I promise you that if he still threatens, I will marry Cyril. Do you understand? Don't tell father that I have said this. I will bring him to you," she said, with the idea that Joel's presence would tend to ease his mind.

She found her father in the library.

"I hope you are satisfied with your work," he said scornfully.

"It was not my doing," he lied obstinately.

"I won't discuss that, but the harm has been done, and you must do your best to make things right. The Earl is worrying dreadfully. Come to him and tell him that you consent to the marriage being broken off. It is only right," she said passionately.

"You hesitate," she cried scornfully. "Are you a man or a fend? I shall hate you bitterly if you do not come at once."

CHAPTER XXII.

Lord Harecastle sat by his father's bedside anxiously awaiting the doctor's arrival. Soon after the servant's departure Joel came hurriedly into the room.

"What is the matter?" he asked, and his manner told of his perturbation.

"I hope you are satisfied with your work," Harecastle said coldly.

"I am sorry, but he is always having these attacks. He will soon recover," he answered hopefully.

STOMACH INDIGESTION.

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She was now the dominating spirit, for she was upheld by a feeling of right. He obediently followed her upstairs, and stood by the Earl's side.

"He is here, Lord Wolverholme," she said brightly.

"Tell him that he has nothing to fear," she cried, turning to her father.

"Lord Wolverholme," Joel began slowly. "Forget what I said last night. I did not mean it. I should never have done what I threatened to do. I was merely trying to get my own way. I am beaten and I give in."

It was wonderful to see the expression of relief the words brought to the Earl's face. Rebekah sought out Harecastle, who was in the smoking-room moodily looking out of the window, but he quickly brightened at her approach.

"How is my father?" he asked.

"I think he is a little better. I have just taken my father to see him. I discovered what must have taken place last night. It was contemptible and cowardly of my father. If the Earl dies, his death lies at his door, but he has done what he can to relieve your fa-

ther's anxiety. He has told him that he need not fear."

"Thank God!" Harecastle breathed fervently. "I shall never be able to thank you for your goodness, Rebekah."

She looked wistfully at him, and she longed to have the right to comfort him in his trouble.

Joel, too, was becoming more reconciled to the situation.

The Earl had been ill for a fortnight, and one day Joel sought out his daughter, and he found her in the act of repacking one of the wedding presents.

"Read this," he cried curtly as he handed her a sheet of paper.

It was a formal announcement to the effect that her engagement was broken off.

"Will it please you if I send this to the papers?" he asked impatiently.

"Yes, father. It is only right that it should be done at once," she replied, and her thoughts turned to Ethel Fetherston.

The days passed, and still Ethel made no move. Rebekah determined to write, and she did so at great length.

"Do write to him," she wound up. "He is sorely in need of comfort, and who but you should be near him in his trouble."

The answer she received was cold in the extreme, and it caused her great distress.

One day she broached the matter to Lord Harecastle.

"Why do you not run up to town and see Ethel? It is only a misunderstanding, and a few words would put an end to it," she said wistfully.

"But I cannot say those words. You do not understand her. She is rigid in her sense of right and wrong. Her love is based on self-respect. She thinks that I have behaved badly. I cannot disabuse her mind unless I tell my father's secret. That I shall never do," he said firmly.

"Why cannot she trust you?" Rebekah asked wonderingly.

"It is a gift of the gods, the power to trust, and it cannot be acquired. Besides, everything is against me."

"I cannot understand love without faith," she said softly. "To me it is impossible."

But this conversation caused her to think, and when she heard that the Earl was a little better she determined to try to bring this unsatisfactory state of affairs to an end.

He was sitting up in bed, supported by pillows, and he gave her a cheerful smile.

"I am going to speak about unpleasant things; will you forgive me?" she began softly.

"I could forgive you anything, my child."

"It is about Cyril and Ethel Fetherston. I want to bring them together."

"But they love one another. Don't they? You don't mean to say that there is a hitch?" he said excitedly.

"She does not understand what has happened, and she has lost faith in him. You know that they were engaged. Harecastle broke it off and became engaged to me. You can understand that this must have hurt her terribly; she imagines that he did it for the sake of my money."

"I see," the Earl said reflectively.

"Of course it has been quite impossible for Cyril to tell her the truth, and—"

"I see. You want her to know that Cyril was endeavoring to protect his father, and that he nobly sacrificed himself."

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"Yes. That's it," she cried eagerly.

"I should think she is jealous of you, too," the Earl said with a touch of his old malice. "You are uncommonly fascinating, and would tempt a saint."

"Don't joke," she said pleadingly. "She is very obstinate, and I don't know what to do. Cyril has suffered enough, and I do so long to see him happy. Can't we help them?"

"You want me to—"

He hesitated and flushed painfully.

"You want me to tell her of my crime?" he continued with grim determination.

"I dare not ask you to, but—"

"But you will do anything for Cyril. What a fool the lad is! How can any man prefer a milk and watery affection to such devotion as yours? It is incredible."

He took her hand in his and stroked it gently.

"I will do it. Bring her here," he said at last.

Impulsively she bent to kiss him, and his face flushed with pleasure. But she had a more difficult task with Cyril.

"I refuse to allow it," he said hotly. "It will only worry him. Think of the shame of having to acknowledge his treason."

"But he is willing to do so. I feel that it is the only way. Her suspicion must be removed. Your conduct must be explained in its true light. No one can do it as well as the Earl."

"But is he strong enough?" he asked doubtfully.

"Yes. I think it would relieve his mind. He would see you happy, and he must worry to know that he is the cause of this estrangement," she said decidedly.

Lord Harecastle consented to her doing as she wished. Rebekah wrote to Ethel that evening, and on the following day drove in her car to Eaton Square.

Ethel Fetherston received her kindly.

"You must come back with me," Rebekah began impulsively. "I want you to make it up with Cyril."

"I cannot do that."

"You must. I told you that you had misjudged him. It shall be proved to you," Rebekah said eagerly.

"But how?" Ethel asked tremblingly. "I would give my soul to know that Cyril is the man I thought him to be when I accepted his love."

"You shall know all that, and you will blame yourself for your folly. It will be your turn to ask pardon on your knees of the man you have wronged."

"I will come with you, but who am I to see?"

"The Earl," Rebekah replied. "He will tell you all. But you must deal gently with him. He is an old man and very ill."

"Lord Wolverholme? Cyril's father? What can he have to do with it?" Ethel asked breathlessly.

(To be continued.)

THE STERN PARENT.

Father—"Well, sir, what can I do for you?"

Suitor—"Why—er—I called, sir, to see if—er—you would give assent to my marriage to your daughter."

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CURRENT TOPICS.

The conservation cause gains momentum as its need is brought home to particular interests. The recommendation of a committee of an association of railroad men is found to carry weight. The increasing scarcity of ties is adding materially to the cost of railroad construction and maintenance. The price is said to be rapidly approaching a prohibitive figure. The situation is one with which railroad men have been familiar in recent years. But the engineers are not satisfied with knowing that a situation exists. What can be done about it? The recommendation points the way. Each railroad must have a technical assistant who will make a study of the tie problem. What is the visible supply? Whence is the supply obtainable? How rapidly is the supply decreasing? What is being done toward regrowth of timber? What burdens rest upon timber lands and timber cutting? What regulations are there or should there be about cutting timber for ties? Can any satisfactory substitutes for any timber ties be found? How can the railroads co-operate with the national government in its plans for conservation and forestation?

Intelligent answers to such and similar questions would have great value. The combined judgment of a number of railroad experts of this type would be potent. Keeping in mind primarily selfish interests of an individual corporation, these students of a special problem would be able to contribute much to the welfare of a far wider constituency. The example shows the commercial importance of the conservation cause. There is far more in it than mere sentiment. It is easy to picture the preservation of natural resources and the plans for renewal of forests as great national enterprises which will redound to the benefit of the country as a whole. It is also possible to show that they have an immediate and vital relationship to more than one branch of industry.

The steelcrete age is a coming. Although we are accustomed to speak of prehistoric man as belonging to the stone age, the real stone age is only dawning. Forestry has been declared a farce and fence posts are being grown by the farmers, not by planting acorns, but by pouring a mixture of cement, sand, and stone into molds. Hollow telegraph poles of reinforced concrete are common in France, and concrete piles are finding a wider field of usefulness every year. In Italy barges and scows of reinforced concrete are used. Fireproof buildings of the stone "lumber" are too plentiful to excite comment, and concrete cottages and residences bid fair to be equally numerous as long. Enough has been accomplished with reinforced concrete to show that "forests" will soon be as little needed for building purposes as buffaloes for carriage robes or deer for dinners. The wonderful artificial stone called reinforced concrete is credited with all the essential properties of lumber save combustibility. And the want of this property is an advantage. Fire does not burn it quickly, nor rot consume it slowly. It has the strength of steel, the durability of granite and promises to surpass all present attainments in the future when the wonders wrought to-day will be tomorrow's commonplace with the steel buried in stone. The ancient age of stone and the present age of iron are uniting to produce the coming age of "steelcrete," as the reinforced concrete has been called.

The real conquest of the air will be made by flying for fun. Popular for speed as the automobile is, there always are young men who are willing to try something else. Aeroplaning is exclusively a country sport. For a young man of good physique and nerve, with fair athletic judgment and presence of mind, the aeroplane offers an opportunity for recreation that has just enough of the spice of danger and the maximum of the rapture of pursuing. A man who has at his disposal a stretch of meadow with flat fields nearby can learn to fly in a short time and with no great danger. Flying is called the king of sports. Even at the beginning the sense of resting on the air while you glide over it is without parallel. When little puffs of air tip the machine and you must balance on your wing there is another opportunity for exercising the faculties of tense muscle control that the athletes who have trained karve and muscle together can appreciate to the full.

THORNS IN LIFE'S PATH

Most of Us Know It, and Those That Do Not Will Some Day

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.—1. Peter v. 6, 7.

St. Peter knew the value of his own prescription. It had helped him and so he commended it to those round him. It is a good prescription—as good for us now as for those of St. Peter's day. True, we do not live in such evil times as did those to whom the apostle wrote, and yet, let times be what they may or circumstances ever so favorable, our life must needs be one of more or less continual struggle, and so sometimes one of "hope deferred that maketh the heart sick."

Knowing that this is so, we should bear with a calm and sober heart all the seeming good and the seeming ill that life may bring, knowing that there are

THORNS IN EACH LIFE'S PATH;

real hardships to be endured; real temptations to be overcome; hopes that will be illusive, and sometimes crosses that are heavy and hard to bear. Those are to be congratulated who have come to know that happiness merely is not blessedness and that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," for not till then can we know what the apostle meant in saying, "Humble yourselves therefore under the

mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you."

When once we have come to do that we will know that this is not a world of doom or of blind chance, but that in God we live and move and have our being; that "He ordereth a good man's going and maketh his way acceptable to Himself"; that events do not happen at random; that there is a reason for everything, even though we may not be able to know what it is, and that that reason is without fault or flaw because the all-wise God ruleth over all.

MEANT FOR OUR GOOD.

Believing this, we can believe that all things are within His knowledge and His disposal, because He is Lord of all, and though they might perhaps have been ordered otherwise, we believe they were thus ordered by the merciful God and Father of all, and so are meant for our greatest good now and here and forever. We may not always be able to see why things are as they are, but if we will stand steadfastly with God we can confidently commit the keeping of our souls unto Him as unto a faithful creator in the certain assurance that He careth for us, and that some day, if not now, we will see that all that He does or suffers to be done is for our final good.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MAR. 28.

Temperance Lesson. Proverbs 23: 29-35. Golden Text, Prov. 23: 32.

Verse 1. The Improved Man, with an Improved Character, is the Essential Means to an Improved World.—We cannot have a heavenly city unless the inhabitants are of a heavenly character.

II. There is Material Enough, Money Enough, Mind Enough, in This World, to Make It a Paradise.—The money and talent in any civilized city is sufficient if properly used and distributed to make that city an Eden, an Hesperides Garden, or the realization of any dream, ancient or modern, of the Golden Age. All would be educated, all would partake of the best things; there would be no slums, no abject poverty. Everyone could have all the joy, the wealth, the comforts, the rights, the school privileges which he could use. The one thing needed is the Improved Man to make the social transformation of the world, the eliminating of every evil from the character of men, till they are restored to the moral image of God, when each one did all he wished, and wishes but what he ought.

III. The Great Obstacle in the Way is sin, bad character in some of its many forms. The one of these forms, the great obstacle which most concerns us in this lesson, is Intemperance, the want of self-control over the appetites and passions.

The wise man of the Proverbs expresses the evils of intemperance by a series of questions. 29. Who hath weal who hath sorrow?—The words corresponding to the two substantives are, strictly speaking, interrogations, as in the margin. Who hath Oh? Who hath Alas? The woes are too great and too many to name separately. They are woes of body and woes of mind; woes in one's self, woes in his family; pains, diseases, poverty.

Note that other people have woes and sorrows, besides the intemperate man. Apostles and martyrs have been imprisoned and tortured, endured poverty and sickness and pain. We have studied some instances during the past quarter. Read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Read the stories of the Huguenots in France, and of the martyrs and missionaries of every age.

But the difference in the two kinds of suffering is heaven-wide. The woes and sorrows of Peter and John, Paul and Silas, in dungeons and chains, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake, with clear consciences, for the sake of the kingdom of God and salvation of men, listening to God's "Well done, good and faithful," and seeing the crown of righteousness are almost infinitely removed from the woes and sorrows of those that tarry long at the wine, whose sufferings are the fruit of their own sin.

The other sorrows that flow from the wine cup mentioned in the

wise man's questions belong only to wickedness—a quarrelsome disposition—where strong drink inflames the passions, and, at the same time, removes the restraint of conscience and will, first maddening and then unchaining the tiger, grumbling, foolish talking—where the drunkard's "tongue is set on fire of hell," "wounds without cause," "redness of eyes," either (or both) the dimming of the sight, physical, mental, and spiritual, or the "copper nose" which makes "the drinker's nose blush for the sins of his mouth."

IV. Another Obstacle Among the Boys—Cigarettes.

V. The Means by Which These Great Evils Can be Removed are Precisely the Same as Those which Produced the Marvelous Transformations of Character in the Early Christian Disciples, Which We Have Been Studying.

1. Christ, our Living Leader, the power of God for salvation.
2. The Holy Spirit, convincing men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come; awakening men's hearts, inspiring them to better things.
3. The religious life which these produce.
4. The results as manifested in the healing of the body, and the betterment of the outward life and happiness, which were symbols and means to a better spiritual life.
5. The banding together in an organization which created a helpful moral atmosphere.
6. The courage, wisdom, generosity, love, peace, joy, religious spirit, righteousness of life, produced in the disciples.
7. Their efforts to bring others into these blessings, and to spread the good news.
8. The good example of the Christians.

LUTHER'S INK POT.

The tempter once to Luther came And sought to hide that work in shame

In which he loved to revel; Then Luther, quick to act and think At once took up his pot of ink And threw it at the devil.

But Satan, not too old to learn, Was not the one to quickly turn And haste away in terror; Instead of that he seized with skill That inkpot which he uses still In propagating error.

T. Watson. Granthurst, Ont., 1909.

FASTING FOR HEALTH.

A good thing to try when you are out of "kilter" is to fast; drink lots of water during the fast, but remember when you are fasting to remove all reason for further fast. Having decided to fast, the faster should make up his mind to use discretion. He should not, because he has come to believe in the efficacy of fasting, determine upon a long fast for a beginning. He must not let his enthusiasm for the new treatment carry away with it his common sense. His first fast should cover two meals—breakfast and dinner.

It's difficult for a stout woman to get away from solid facts.

The vogue of the moment is for the classical tailormade suit with the long train and the heaping folds of fabric at the foot.

Fashion Hints.

FADS AND FANCIES.

All parasols have long handles. It is undoubtedly a year of silks. Clinging gowns are still the rage. Velvetene toques are in great demand.

Many gimpes are being made without collars.

Bolards and pongees are the favorite fabrics.

Tafeta silk is the ruling favorite in sun-shades.

Satin violets, in all shades, will figure on new hats.

There is no end of border effects among the new cottons.

Boaters are longer in front, but as high as ever at the back.

Lilacs, wistaria, and roses promise to be favorite hat flowers.

The jumper frock is back again among the ready to wear models.

Much of the braiding now seen is in distinctly medieval pattern.

The suede glove, because it clings so closely, is having a great run.

Soft, pliable yodda braids will probably be used again for summer hats.

A useful and becoming gown for all occasions is of black meteor crepe.

Quillard silks promise to dominate among the fabrics of the early spring.

The line is everything in fashion now; the curve has not a single devotee.

The separate skirt and blouse are out of fashion except with a shirt-waist.

There is a well defined effort under way to bring back pannier draperies.

Great quantities of linen and cotton suitings are beginning to flood the counters.

Gimpes and sleeves are trimmed abundantly with lace and tucks of all-over embroidery.

It is believed that the low, round Dutch collar will be worn on the spring and summer shirtwaists.

The Mephistopheles quill is the most popular of the many weird decorations that figure on toques.

Old-fashioned beadwork has been revived and promises to be in high favor. It is especially popular for hand bags.

The cartwheel hat is superseded in Paris by the bushy, which takes up in height what the Merry Widow required in width.

In ready made petticoat models jersey cloth is most used for tops, since it gives ample warmth without objectionable bulkiness.

Hand bags are elaborate designs to suit the fancy of the owner; some of them have monograms burned in.

Stripes of the new linens are of the herringbone style in white, with a color, and these stripes alternate with white ones of the same width.

Skirts continue to be raised high at the back, but many new ones have come down at the front, some even to a slight point below the belt line.

Dainty butterfly bows for the neck are shown in two tones of soft old blue suede. The upper row is embroidered in floss silk and in contrasting color.

Ostrich feather neck collarettes, wide and close of fit, come in all colors and shades and are one of the best liked neck finishes when fur is not used.

NEW BRITISH BATTLESHIPS.

Two to be Completed in Spring are of Dreadnought Class.

A recent issue of The Navy League Journal gives a good deal of information as to recent or contemplated additions to the Royal Navy. The contract for the battleship Lord Nelson was placed on Nov. 9th, 1904, and the ship took her place in the Nile Division of the Home Fleet on Dec. 13th. She was formally commissioned on Dec. 1st. Contracts for the destroyers Gurkha and Afridi were placed in August and September, 1905. The Gurkha was ready for service early this month, and the Afridi will not be ready until next month. The contracts for the invincible and inflexible were placed on Nov. 21st, 1905. The inflexible was completed on Dec. 12th, and the invincible will be completed this spring.

The Temeraire, a new Dreadnought, will not be completed until June, and the Superb not until March or April next. The Foundry, yet another Dreadnought was laid down at Portsmouth on Jan. 1st. She will have a novel arrangement of her large guns.

The new cruisers, except second-class, will be of about 4,500 tons displacement. With 22,000 i. h. p., they are to steam 25 knots, as designed; three more knots will be aimed for.

By the bye, ask any officer which are the fastest destroyers in the 30-knot type or the 25-knot River class? They will unanimously tell you that the Rivers can run away from any but the new Tribals except in a dead calm, and that is not the usual state of the sea.

LONDON DOCKS WONDERS

VALUABLE CARGOES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

600,000 Bales of Sheep's Wool, and 55 Miles of Wine Casks Underground.

In the enormous storehouses which lie just below the Tower bridge in London, England, 600,000 bales of wool are hoarded in a year. Each weighs 400 pounds, and contains the fleeces of 60,000 sheep. The price of the wool averages a shilling a pound. Therefore the value of a year's trade in wool at London docks reaches £12,000,000. And all this, or very nearly all, is a purely British trade.

Down at the Victoria and Albert Docks you see the ships which bring the wool from Victoria, New Zealand, New South Wales, South Australia, West Australia, the Cape and Natal. Over the side go the bales into barges (or lighters, as they are more generally called), which carry them upriver to the warehouses. Here the buyers can at sale times to sample the sacks, and the whole place hums with activity. As many as 1,200 men are employed.

Underneath the wool warehouses are the vaults for the storage of wine. In all there are 28 miles of underground roads, lined on each side with casks. Even this does not include the rum vaults at the West India Dock, where spirit is stored to the value of two and a half million sterling. Here in the London docks there are four acres of brandy cellars, but most of the space is occupied by port, sherry, and Madeira. Every visitor must carry a little oil lamp on the end of a stick. Looking up one can see the extraordinary effects of the thick black and white fungus on the vaulted roof, caused by the vinous atmosphere.

It is a ghostly place, a wine-vault, dimly lighter by infrequent jets of gas, which you see glimmering far away. One might easily get lost down here. Some people would, perhaps, rather like it! But the little lamps are precaution against that. The man in charge of them at the entrance keeps a strict account of the number lent out. If one were missing, the vaults would be searched at once.

QUEEREST LIQUID IN THE WORLD.

All sorts of things besides wines and spirits are stored in the vaults. There is one, for instance, filled with iron bottles of quicksilver. Have you ever seen a 56-pound weight floating about in a pail of quicksilver? It is as most astonishing liquid in the world. Lift up a ladleful—you will be surprised at its heaviness. Try to press down the surface with your hand. It resists almost like a solid substance.

Yet again there are vast underground chambers at St. Katharine Dock, where £700,000 worth of rubber is stored. There are crates of it in its roughest state, mixed with bark and earth, just as it flowed from the tree. In this condition it looks like mere rubbish. You would never think it was worth £360 a ton. Other cases contain the rubber in a purer state, "finished," which are round flat pieces of the rubber of commerce as we know it in bicycle tires. As you know it in bicycle tires, notice come up from these vaults, notice the marble strewn all about the handsome pillared quays, which remind one of the columns of Genoa. There is a showroom close by for the display of tombstones, grave-yard angels, and so on. They are shipped here from Italy. Would you like to choose a monument while you wait?

LEMONS AND ORANGES.

Further on there is a fruit shop unloading ten thousand cases of oranges and lemons from sunny Sicily. It only came in this morning, and before to-morrow's day-light it will be gone. There is an atmosphere of orderly quiet about these docks for the most part, but they can "get a move on" when it is necessary. Piled up near the Granges are cases of currants from Greece, and of dates from Tafilat or Bussorah. Here, too, are all sorts of spices—nutmegs, cloves from Dutch Sumatra or French Mauritius, cinnamon from Ceylon.

THE WHOLE SECRET.

"To what do you attribute your success?"

"To a great many failures," replied the thoughtful man.

A man seldom really enjoys good health until he loses it.

People waste a lot of time trying to obtain things they have no earthly use for.

When a man makes a distinction between his creed and his conduct, he will discover a branch between his aspirations and his heaven.

YOUNG FOLKS

A RAINY-DAY JOURNEY.

"Why, dearies," said Aunt Bertha, as she came into the nursery and found the three children with solemn little faces pressed against the rain-spattered window-pane, "have you yet to learn that it can be sunny within if it is rainy outside?"

"If this was the last day of your vacation, and it had rained most every day, I guess you wouldn't say that," said Bobby, the eldest of the trio.

"When I was ten years old, I presume I wouldn't have said so," replied Aunt Bertha, "but I have learned since that we can make the sun shine for us almost always if we are only willing to try. How would you like to go on a pleasure trip?" She was smiling brightly.

"In the rain?" asked the three, in surprise. "Why, Aunt Bertha! How could we go out?"

"Oh, the rain won't affect us in the least. We shall not even need rubbers or umbrellas," she answered, laughing. "You may put on your rubber boots, Bobby, and run over and ask your playmates to come and travel with you, if you wish."

Bobby looked rather doubtful, but he went and soon five children were watching auntie stitch up four long strips of brown paper on the machine. This she divided into five booklets. Next she brought a pile of old magazines, several pairs of scissors, and some paste and brushes.

"Now," she said, "you may all travel just where you wish. These magazines are full of pictures taken in interesting countries all over the world. Wherever you decide to visit, just find all the pictures you can that have any connection with the place, and paste them in your little books, and you will have much of the pleasure and excitement of a real journey, with none of its dangers and discomforts. I will leave you for a little while now, and when I come back I shall expect to find you all home again, safe and happy."

How quickly the next two hours passed, and how busy the little brains and fingers were!

Bobby went to California. His first picture was of the "Sunset Limited," the train in which he chose to cross the continent. There were views of Western cities that he passed through; and when he reached the sunny land he filled his booklet with scenes in the great harbor on the Pacific coast, pictures of wonderful flowers and fruits that grow only under southern skies, photographs taken at an ostrich-farm, and many other things of interest, until the last leaf of the journey-book was covered.

Elsa went to Japan, and she collected pictures of bamboo forests and Japanese children with cherry-blossoms and butterflies.

Everybody journeyed somewhere. When Aunt Bertha came in again, she brought a big plate of sugar jumbles, and the way the cookies disappeared proved that each little traveller had returned in good health with a good appetite. — Youth's Companion.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Practice is the one preservative of religion.

Austerity to a thief is no evidence of honesty.

Fitting still is always the most trying situation in life.

When love lies it is better than when hatred tells all the truth.

Love has a language the deaf can hear and the dumb can speak.

The best evidence of a healthy soul is its hunger for work to do.

Every man must buy the riches of experience with his own coin.

No man can own any more than he can carry in his own heart.

No man can take iniquity into his creed and keep it out of his character.

No prayer meeting is long enough that does not reach to the market place.

The things you really stand for are revealed to those you run after.

There never is room at the top for the man who thinks it was built only for one.

The man who hasn't the vigor to be vicious usually prides himself on his virtues.

The welfare of the world may depend partly on whether you can whistle in the rain.

Most users of sarcasm think more of its sound than of the service it might render.

Some of the virtues of our friends grow out of the graves where we have buried their faults.

Too many when they attempt to leave their sins make the mistake of holding farewell meetings.

Our example when we are on parade has as much influence as all compared to the effect of our everyday living.

You may have a right to your own sorrows, but you have no right to throw their shadows on another's.

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Enormous fields of ice and icebergs are reported in the Atlantic by the officers of the steamer Evangelina, just arrived at Halifax.

A hundred and fifty members and friends of the Woman's Suffrage Association presented a monster petition to Sir James Whitney and members of his cabinet in Toronto in favor of votes for women. Serious consideration was promised.

Admiral Douglas regrets that the navy should have entered the arena of party politics. The British navy, he declares, has the best ships in Europe, and the personnel has always been, and is now, up to the top notch.



WHAT every cook should know is, which wheat makes the best flour, and why.

Winter wheat is put into the ground in the fall, but does not ripen until the following July. It matures slowly, is soft and very starchy.

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COUNTERFEIT HEROES

SOME NOTABLE INSTANCES OF BOGUS BRAVERY.

Boy Who Told Father He Had Saved Lad From Drowning Was Talk of the Town, Until Mother of Alleged Saved One Showed It Up—Servant's Crier Hired to Gain Sympathy—Common Seaside Swindle.

"The precocity of youth is one of the most deplorable signs of the degeneracy of the age," a certain well-known author, quoted a few weeks ago. "In the time might have been even more notorious than the Counterfeit Heroes' book, as it has been termed, then passed the time."

Doubtless, now, on New Year's day, a Colchester boy, aged ten, went home very wet, and explained that he had rescued another boy from the drowning, who had fallen through the ice in Castle Park lake. The boy's father, a trainway motorman, took the boy round to the local newspaper offices, with the result that the lad's heroism became the talk of the town. Headed by the names of Corporation officials and leading residents, a petition to the Humane Society was prepared. When, however, this document was taken to the mother of the rescued boy, it was found that he had never been in the water at all, and that the story was an absolute fabrication.

No wonder the city fathers went round dark corners and kicked themselves hard; and the very oysters chuckled in their beads, to quote a London newspaper.

Equally deplorable was the hoax played upon a number of Birmingham people a couple of years ago. A girl of sixteen, carrying a baby, arrived at Edgbaston one day, fainted outside one of the large houses of that aristocratic suburb, was seen by one of the servants, and carried inside. It was noticed that she had various cuts and scratches on her hands and face, and when she revived she said that they had been inflicted by her father, who had attempted to murder her baby brother, whose birth had cost the mother her life. Her father was out of work and she had tramped out of him from Rugby. When just outside Birmingham he seemed to be seized with sudden madness, and she had only saved the baby from being stabbed after a great struggle.

Touched by her heroism and distress, the mistress of the house aroused the interest of her friends, and endeavored to trace the missing father. It was all in vain, however, and the girl had been well provided with clothes, food, lodging, and a good situation, and the baby placed in a home, when the report came that the Wolverhampton girl who had mysteriously disappeared, Suspicions were aroused, and the girl was ultimately taxed with being the missing servant. And such proved to be the case. Moreover, the baby was her own, the cuts and scratches being self-inflicted. It was a sorry, pitiable incident to wit, appeared to be a remarkable illustration of girlish heroism.

A French railway company investigated a curious case last year, when it was proved that a signalman, who had received over \$500 from grateful passengers for stopping an express before it had dashed into iron grips placed over the rails—which would assuredly have derailed the train—had actually placed the obstruction there himself. His signal-box was about 300 yards distant from the obstruction, and witnesses came forward and gave evidence to the effect that they had seen the signalman leave his box just before the express was due at that point, carrying the grips.

This dodge reminds one of the trick played by a couple of American telegraph operators, attached to a small station "out West," who "faked" a life-saving event. One day, as an express came rushing through the station, the driver noticed a man standing in the middle of the track. The sight of the train seemed to root him to the spot, and a terrible accident seemed inevitable, when another man rushed across the track and hurled the other from the course of the train. It was a "magnificent piece of luck," to quote one newspaper, when describing the incident, and a "godly sum for the 'hero'" was duly collected.

The bubble burst, however, when the booking-clerk, through the headquarters, that he had overheard the two discussing how they might perform this very risky trick.

During the summer season visitors to seaside resorts are often victimized by bogus "heroes." Diving from the pier or a boat to rescue a supposed drowning man—who is really a confederate—or descending the face of a dangerous cliff to "save" another imperiled life, are fairly common tricks of the seaside bogus hero. A novelty was introduced into the tricks of the latter, however, last year, when a fishing-smack put into a South coast resort with another fisherman on board, who said that he had been wrecked, and his boat had been wrecked, and he would not have escaped with his life if the other man had not plunged into the rough sea and rescued him.

Naturally the story created much interest, and when subscription lists to reward the hero and recompense the unfortunate were opened money flowed in readily. And both would have been richer by many pounds had they not been recognized by a native of Dover, who was able to prove that the man who was supposed to be wrecked never possessed a boat of his own and was really in partnership with the owner of the smack.

Reformed to Death.

Nanny Goat—What's the matter with Billy? He looks as if he were on his last leg.

"Nanny Nanny—I'm afraid he is, poor kid! He has contracted the pure food habit, and it's killing him."

HOLY GROANING.

The Sin of Worldly Pleasure in the Seventeenth Century.

Buckle gives a graphic picture of the attitude of the kirk of Scotland to worldly pleasures during the seventeenth century. Cheerfulness, especially when it rose to laughter, was to be guarded against. Smiling might occasionally be allowed; still, being a earnest, it was a sin to smile on Sunday. No husband should kiss his wife and no mother her child on the Sabbath day. Jeating was incompatible with a holy and serious life. The ministers were given much to weeping, groaning and lamentations. One, the Rev. Alexander Dunlop, was noted for his "holy groan." To engage in the frivolous art of writing poems was condemned. Men should not disport themselves with music; dancing was a "serious sin;" joyousness even at a christening was a scandal. One should speak and walk with gravity and solemnity; he should not enjoy his dinner; only the ungodly relished food. The great object of life was to be in a state of affliction. Whatever pleased the senses was to be suspected. Whatever was natural was wrong. The churchmen grew sour in countenance, harsh in voice. Joy and love disappeared or were forced to hide in obscure corners.

MAN MONEY.

The Old Teutonic Law on Killing or Injuring Others.

The system of atoning for death or bodily injuries inflicted on others by paying damages is as old as the earliest Teutonic laws, praised by Tacitus. The trespasser was always required to make peace with the aggrieved family of the victim by "Wer-Geld."

"Wer" is the ancient German for man. "Geld," now, as in the days of Wotan, means money.

Damages were assessed in accordance with the rank and wealth of the injured party, and the money was paid over in the presence of the whole community, its acceptance forestalling feuds. Indeed, the recognition of Wer-Geld ("money for the man" killed) by law precluded further bloodshed or other forms of revenge.

If the slayer was not rich enough to pay the required sum, he turned over to the injured parties his sons as slaves. If his sons were not sufficient guarantee for the payment of the debt, the slayer himself had to turn bondsman, both the letter and the spirit of the law requiring that the full amount of damage inflicted be recovered by the aggrieved parties.

Fulfilling His Agreement.

Having become tired of living in rented houses, Mr. Gwimble had bought a home of his own. Not having enough money to pay for it outright, he had made a cash payment of \$1,000 and given a trust deed on the property for the remainder. One night, not long after he had taken possession of his new home, Mrs. Gwimble roused him from a deep sleep.

"Gerald," she said, "somebody is trying to get into the house!"

Mr. Gwimble crawled out of bed and started downstairs.

"What are you going to do?" she asked him.

"I'm going to let him in," he answered, half awake.

"To let him in! Who?"

"The man that holds the trust deed on this property," he mumbled. "The document I signed binds me to admit him to the premises at any hour of the day."

Too Much For His Mind.

"My first impulses," wailed the sad-eyed individual, "are invariably good. In fact, I think that I may venture without fear of undue exaggeration to say that they are very good. But I never act on them. I always act on second thoughts. This trait in my character has ruined my career, because my second thoughts are always bad. In fact, I think I may say without fear of misrepresentation that they're punk."

"Well," suggested he who was listening, "why don't you wait until third thoughts and act on them?"

Mockingly, despondently, the sad-eyed individual shook his head.

"My dear sir," he groaned, "I never had three successive thoughts about anything in my life."—Exchange.

At His Own Risk.

Caller (on crutches and with a bandage over one eye)—I have come, sir, to make application for the amount due on my accident insurance policy. I fell down a long flight of stairs the other evening and sustained damages that will disable me for a month to come.

Manager of Company—Young man, I have taken the trouble to investigate your case, and I find you are not entitled to anything. It could not be called an accident. You certainly knew the young lady's father was at home.

An Old Saw Strikes a Nail.

Mr. Scraggington (musingly)—As Lincoln said, a man may fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time—Mrs. Scraggington (briskly)—But you can't fool me any of the time!—Luck.

Didn't Take the Bait.

Miss Anciente (insultingly)—I dislike my name; it's horrid. Mr. Fly (absently)—I fear it's too late to change it now.

Thick silence.

Pretty Unpopular.

Wigg—Bjones doesn't seem to be very popular. Wigg—I should say not. Why, that fellow is so unpopular he couldn't even get a job as a bill collector.—Philadelphia Record.

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This is valuable information. This can be mixed at home. Save the prescription.

Australia, apparently, is not disturbed by the party cry that the chief present way to a slave is to send a "Dreadnought" to the home fleet. The commonwealth government has just decided to adhere to its old policy of defending its own shores.

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Rheumatism

I have found a tried and tested cure for Rheumatism. It is a remedy that will straighten the distorted limbs of chronic cripples. It is impossible for me to describe the details of this cure, but I can now surely tell the pains and pangs of this deplorable ailment. In the City of Germany—with a Chemist in the City of Germany—I found the Rheumatic Remedy was made which Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy was made, that has cured Rheumatism; but now, as last, I think many cases of Rheumatism seem to be cured by this remedy. These hand-like granular wastes found in Rheumatic blood seem to dissolve and pass away under the action of this remedy as truly as does sugar when added to pure water. And then, when dissolved, these poisonous wastes are truly pass from the system, and the cause of Rheumatism is gone forever. There is no cure of Rheumatism actual cures to suffer longer without help. We sell, and in confidence recommend

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